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### NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 16, 1876.

THE BUSINESS ASPECT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

By invitation of William E. Dodge, seventeen gentlemen met at his house to discuss the business aspect of the political situation, and plan for a settlement. There was no discussion of party questions, but all agreed that Congress must solve the existing trouble. It was informally agreed that another and larger meeting be held next week.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

E. A. Condit, a curbstone broker, was arrested to-day and identified as the person who, two months ago, sent out the bogus dispatch signed with the name of Rev. Dr. Deems, announcing the death of Commodore Vanderbilt.

A LUNATIC.

Joshua B. Gates, formerly General Agent of the United States Life Insurance Company of this city, has been declared a lunatic under a commission issued out of the Court of Common Pleas. Gates retired from the life insurance business about six years ago with a fortune of over $250,000.

A BIG PURCHASE.

The Charter Oak Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, has purchased three million dollars' worth of real estate on Broadway, Wall and Broad streets, New York.

### Official Vote of West Virginia.

WHEELING, December 16.—The official count of the vote for President and Vice President in this State gives Tilden and Hendricks 55,588, Hayes and Wheeler 41,392, Peter Cooper 1,237. The returns from Putnam county, not received in time for the official count, show Tilden and Hendricks 977, Hayes and Wheeler 604, Peter Cooper 150; add Putnam county and the vote will stand Tilden and Hendricks 56,565, Hayes and Wheeler 41,996, Cooper 1,387.

The International Railroad was completed and opened to Austin, Texas, on Saturday. It shortens the distance between that city and St. Louis 180 miles. The road will be pushed on to San Antonio as speedily as possible.

## FIRST EDITION.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

### Doings of the Rival Legislatures.

### Democrats Still Balloting for Senator.

### Programme of the Senate Committee.

### Witnesses to be Examined in Secret.

### Democratic Roorback Mill Still in Operation.

### Rumored Purpose of Chamberlain to Arrest Hampton and Simpson.

### THOSE WORTHIES WILL NOT SUBMIT, THEY SAY.

Special to the New York Times.]

COLUMBIA, December 16.—This has been a dull day in Columbia. The Legislature held a brief session. The Democratic Senators are still in their seats, and the bill to punish parties engaged in an attempt to set up a State government in opposition to the legal government passed the Lower House. Hampton's Assembly met again in Carolina Hall, and had another ballot for United States Senator, gave notice of a few bills and adjourned. They cannot elect a United States Senator until they have a Senate, and in the meantime they ballot for amusement. It is reported again to-day that the Democratic Senators will secede and go over to Carolina Hall on Monday, but their future programme, if they have any, is kept a secret.

Hampton called on the United States Senate committee to-day and had some general conversation on the political situation. Butler paid his respects to the committee. The committee has unanimously agreed to take testimony in secret. They find the same state of things existing here as they did in Mississippi. Witnesses are afraid to come forward and testify in public, for fear of the vengeance that will follow, and the only way to get witnesses before the committee is to hold their sessions in private. There will be nearly two hundred witness examined as to the manner in which the campaign was conducted in this State. Testimony was taken in regard to the Hamburg massacre, which inaugurated the shotgun policy in South Carolina. There is abundant evidence that the Hamburg affair was premeditated, and the beginning of a concerted plan to carry South Carolina by intimidation. It was predicted by those who took part in it more than a month before it occurred, accompanied by threats that Hampton should be elected if they had to wade knee deep in blood. The committee expects to be here in about three weeks. The House committee spent another day in trying to find some error in the canvass of the electoral ticket by the State Board, but failed, as usual. They have become thoroughly convinced that their mission down here must prove an abortion, but they have not the manliness to go back to Congress and say so. I am urged to contradict the lies that are daily sent North from here, and I might fill columns with such contradictions, in every issue of the *Times*; but it will not pay. Northern readers who are willing to discriminate between truth and falsehood can generally sift out the truth if they desire it. I have already corrected several, and here is another which illustrates the utter disregard of truth shown by the Democrats in their efforts to mislead public opinion at the North: It has been stated and published in the Democratic papers all over the country that Mr. Hayne, Secretary of State, and who is always designated as the colored Secretary, although he is as white as a majority of the men either North or South, has thrown all the obstacles he could in the way of the Congressional committee in their efforts to get papers and documents from his office. Seeing these falsehoods, Mr. Hayne addressed a note to the Chairman of the committee, requesting him to state whether these statements were true or not. To-day he received the following reply:

HON. H. B. HAYNE—*Dear Sir*: In response to your letter of yesterday, I take pleasure, on behalf of the sub-committee, consisting of Judge Abbott, General Banks and myself, appointed to secure certain papers from the office of the Secretary of State, that you have treated us with uniform courtesy, and have on all occasions when we desired, given us free access to the records, returns, &c., pertaining to the Presidential election and that you have always been ready to furnish us with such information in regard to them as we desired. I am yours, very truly,

MILTON SAYLER.

COLUMBIA, December 17.—The city was agitated to-day by rumors that Governor Chamberlain was about to arrest Hampton and Simpson with his special constables, on a charge of treason. The rumor created a ripple of excitement, and developed the fact that such an attempt would be stubbornly resisted. The general expression was that Hampton could not be arrested by any official of Chamberlain, and that he would not be permitted to submit to any arrest other than by soldiers of the United States. Something of this sort may be contemplated, but it is doubtful whether it will be attempted.

Special to the New York Times.]

COLUMBIA, December 17.—The House Investigating Committee last night concluded their efforts to discover a flaw in the precinct returns which should change the electoral vote as declared by the State Board of Canvassers. They have utterly failed to accomplish any thing in that line of investigation, although all the witnesses thus far examined were called in the interest of the Democrats. They have proven enough, however, to open the door for the legitimate and fair increase of the Republican majority for both the electoral and State tickets. The Democrats on the committee, just before adjournment last night, had the assurance to propose that no further testimony be taken here, but that the committee divide itself into three sub-committees and go out to different parts of the State fishing for evidence. The object of this was two-fold—first, to prevent the introduction by the Republicans of witnesses already here, whose testimony would increase the Republican majorities, and second, to try and work up evidence to offset the proofs which they know are to be brought before the Senate committee touching the intimidation, violence and murder practiced by the rifle clubs during the Presidential campaign. In other words, the House committee having completely failed in the signal purpose for which they came here, are now to be used as a foil to investigations of the Senate committee. General Banks protested most earnestly against closing the investigation here before the Republicans had an opportunity to call a single witness, when it was known that several had been summoned from long distances, and were now in Columbia waiting to testify. The Democratic members, after consultation, concluded that they would hold one more session to-morrow, after which it is expected they will insist upon splitting into sub-committees and go on a roving expedition after testimony which, it is hoped, may in some way help the Democrats out of their dilemma.

Nothing is yet known as to what the Hampton pretended government intends to do. They are divided in their councils, and cannot agree on any definite or consistent plan of action. The Charleston *News* berates them daily for their blunders, and advises them what to do, but its advice goes unheeded. It is announced that Simpson will soon move to get possession of the Lieutenant Governorship by a writ of *quo warranto*. Meantime the regular government goes on smoothly, and every day tends to increase the strength of its legitimacy and stability in the minds of the people. The question is sometimes asked, what time did Governor Chamberlain assume the office of Governor by virtue of his last election, and whether he is recognized at Washington as Governor-elect, or as Governor holding over? The Constitution of South Carolina does not designate any specific day when a new Governor shall take his seat, but provides that the existing Governor shall hold office until his successor is duly qualified. It makes the Legislature the canvassers of the vote for Governor, and after they have declared who is elected, the inauguration may take place whenever it is convenient. The Legislature is required to convene on the last Tuesday in November. This year it convened on the 28th of that month, canvassed the vote, declared Chamberlain elected, and he was inaugurated December 7th. The Constitution has been strictly complied with at every step, and Chamberlain is now Governor, serving his second term.

A negro was murdered on a passenger car coming from Augusta to this place, on Friday, and his body tumbled out into the ditch. Three or four white men were engaged in the deed, and the pretense was that he used profane language in the presence of the wife of one of the white men. A drummer from New York was in the car at the time, and gave the facts to the *Union Herald* here. He says he heard no profane language used by the negro, although he sat between the negro and the lady, and it is suspected here that the negro was a witness on his way here to testify before the Senate committee. The committee think of investigating the matter.

## FLORIDA.

### The Democratic Committee Disgusted.

### UNABLE TO DISCOVER ANY FRAUDS.

### No Democratic Counties to be Investigated.

### Some Witnesses Whom They Refused to Examine.

Special to the New York Times.]

TALLAHASSEE, December 16.—The State canvassers, through their counsel, Judge J. P. C. Emmons, formerly of Detroit, filed their answer to-day to the alternative writ. Counsel for the Democratic candidates moved to strike out the whole answer. This the court refused to do, but ordered the answer amended so as to show the fact, not the evidence upon which the canvassers acted in the rejection of the returns of a certain precinct. The amended answer will be made on Monday at ten o'clock.

The portion of the Congressional committee at work here concluded their investigation as to alleged Republican frauds in Leon county, to-day. They were told by the Democrats that frauds had been committed here, and that an examination of the election proceedings would bring to light facts that would vitiate and overthrow the election in this county, with its 2,100 Republican majority. Believing the representations of the Democrats, the committee have spent a week over one county, and are relieved by finding all the evidence of rascality on the side of the Democrats. The Democratic members of the committee are disgusted. They find, like the Northern Democrats who came here upon the representations of the State Democratic Committee to witness the State canvass and expecting to find a majority for Tilden, that they have been decieved, and that there is no reliance to be placed in the statements of the local Democratic politicians. Over one hundred colored men who have been turned out of their homes or out of employment and otherwise maltreated since the election for voting the Republican ticket, were in the city to give evidence, but the committee did not want any such evidence, and did not receive it. A certificate was produced to-day, which was signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Democratic Committee, and which was given to a colored man named Jones, who had voted the Democratic ticket. The certificate recommend him to the favorable consideration of all Democratic planters and storekeepers as a good reformer. Jones, it was found, is a minor, and has not been in the county four months. He was compelled to swear that he was of age and entitled to vote.

The portion of the committee who went to Jefferson county returned to-day, and unanimously report that they have been unable to discover any evidence of fraud in the election there. This condition of things is disheartening to the Democrats, and it is reported that the House committee will leave for Jacksonville on Tuesday. From appearances the committee is not going to investigate the Democratic counties. They will take it for granted that in those the election has been conducted properly.

The Senate committee arrived this morning at ten o'clock, and spent the day in looking over the situation. They will be ready for work on Monday.

TALLAHASSEE, December 17.—Judge Cocke, of the Canvassing Board, authorizes the statement that the official minutes of the Canvassing Board published over the signature of the Clerk of the board a few days since, are false in several particulars. He complains that they misrepresent his votes on several issues, and aver that he voted with his colleagues when he voted directly and emphatically against them. There is nothing new to-day. It is said that the Senate committee will commence a tour of the contested counties to-morrow.

## XLIV. CONGRESS.

### SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1876.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Schleicher's amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation for transportation of mails on star routes and steamboats, was agreed to, yeas 90, nays 66. The bill then passed without division.

The Speaker laid before the House the telegram received by him from Mr. Morrison, Chairman of the Louisiana Select Committee, and that to Morrison from Mr. Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, refusing to produce the originals of telegraphic dispatches.

The dispatches having been read, Mr. Wood, of New York, rose to offer a resolution, premising it by an expression of his belief that the House would not be slow to vindicate its rights and privileges.

Mr. Hoar made a point of order that the question was not properly before the House, as the report of the committee could not be made to the House by telegraph.

The Speaker overruled the point of order, and ruled that it was question of privilege, and was properly before the House.

Mr. Wood's resolution was then read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the communication presented by the Speaker from Hon. William R. Morrison, Chairman of the select committee appointed to investigate certain matters relating to the late election in Louisiana, be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report at the earliest practicable moment what action the House should take in the premises to enforce its rightful authority.

Mr. Kasson again pressed the point of order made by Mr. Hoar, but the Speaker adhered to his ruling, and Mr. Hoar remarked that on reflection it seemed to him that the position of the Chair was entirely correct.

The resolution then passed without discussion or division.

The special order was taken up, and eulogies on the late Speaker, Mr. Kerr, were delivered.

The first of the orations was made by Mr. Hamilton, of Indiana, who spoke of Mr. Kerr as a man who could have led a forlorn hope or breasted popular opinion, and gone to the stake a martyr to his principles, and also as one who stood out immaculate—a tall palm tree in the moral desert of the age. He said that when the final summons came, the response was not merely *ad sum* but also the *semper paratus* of the man who felt that his life had been unspotted.

The next speech was made by Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, who characterized Mr. Kerr as a whole-hearted and courageous man, who never practiced but loathed the arts of the demagogue.

Other speeches were made by Messrs. Raymond, Monroe, Holman, Burchard, of Illinois, and Cox. The last-named stated that when by Mr. Kerr's death bed, he asked him whether he was willing to meet the terrors of death. The answer was, "Death had no terrors for him." He believed, Mr. Cox said, that a just life on earth gave him his reward.

The speakers who followed Mr. Cox were Messrs. Clymer, McCrary, Atkins, Hereford, Knott, Vance, of Ohio, and Carr, Mr. Kerr's successor, who offered a resolution expressive of the profound sorrow of the House, directing the Speaker's chair to be draped in mourning during the remainder of this Congress, and the usual badge of mourning to be worn by members and officers of the House.

The resolution was adopted unanimously and the House adjourned.

### RAILROAD WAR ENDED.

### A New and Amicable Arrangement Made—Some of Its Features.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The *Evening Post* says the railroad managers signed a positive agreement on Saturday morning. There will be no discrimination against New York, save as regards local freights. This ends the railroad war.

On Monday next there will be a general advance in freight rates. East bound freights from Chicago will be advanced to thirty cents per hundred on grain and flour, and to thirty-five cents per hundred on fourth class and provisions. West bound freights will be advanced to fifty cents per hundred on first class, and in the same proportion on other classes. All the competitive rates will be the same on all the lines. On purely local rates as between Chicago and New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia, Baltimore will have ten per centum and Philadelphia about seven and a half per centum less than New York. On local rates between St. Louis and New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia, the discrimination against this city will be about thirteen per centum in favor of Baltimore, and about ten percentum in favor of Philadelphia.

The railroad men say officially that under the new arrangement shipments of traffic in either direction from all competing points in the West to points beyond the termini of the several lines or to Europe through Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore shall be the same in aggregate cost to the shipper, owner or consignee, whether the same be shipped on through bills of lading or by combined rates.

A number of witnesses were examined by the Congressional Investigating Committee at New Orleans on Saturday, but no facts of special importance elicited.

## SECOND EDITION.

## WASHINGTON.

### An Interview with the President.

### The Threatened Outbreak in Indiana.

### Inflammatory Democratic Resolutions the Cause.

### NO SERIOUS DANGER APPREHENDED.

### Whoever is Declared Elected, He Will Surrender the Reins of Government Into His Hands.

### The Government Will Never Fall Before the Clamor of a Mob.

### POWER OF THE PRESIDENT OVER MILITIA.

### The Proposed Joint Committee to Seek a Solution of Present Complications.

### Hopes that Its Efforts May Prove Effective.

### Caucus of Northern and Southern Democrats.

### SOUTHERNERS NOT ANXIOUS FOR WAR,

### But will Co-operate in All Measures Within the Constitution.

### Destruction of Counterfeiters' Material.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17, 1876.

The Democratic Outbreak.

In the course of a conversation with the President to-day, amongst other subjects the threatening attitude of certain portions of the people in Indiana and one or two other States was alluded to. The President said that up to the present time nothing had been brought to his attention officially, though he had seen reference in the newspapers and also had information to the same effect from other unofficial sources; but that the Government was not insensible to the necessity of vigilance, whether the statements be true or false. So far as the agitations in Indiana were concerned, he could see no other cause for them than in the inflammatory resolutions promulgated by the Democratic State and County Committees, but that these, so far as he was informed, met but a faint response on the part of that portion of the population they were intended to arouse. He said that there were a few incendiary characters in every community, and these could make a good deal of noise, but that the American people had too much regard for law and order to be lead by them. At present he had no apprehension of serious trouble, but what might occur he could not foretell. He could say, however, that he should not, in case of emergency, hesitate to exercise his constitutional authority. He could not see, however, any occasion for the indiscreet manifestations of some of the Democratic local leaders, and could hardly think that they were inspired to their actions by any higher authority, as it was a grave responsibility for any man or body of men to embroil even a State in a war of factions, and much more to array themselves in antagonism to the supreme authority of the National Government. He said whoever is formally declared elected President, it would be his duty to recognize and to surrender to him the reins of authority; that before and since the election he had simply used his executive power to see that the laws were obeyed and peace maintained, and that duty he should continue to exercise until the last moment of his responsibility as Executive of the nation.

Reverting to the excitement in Indiana, he said that if it should spread, he thought the loyal element in that State and of the rest of the Union would have moral influence enough to prevent an open outbreak. He did not think that a Government which had withstood the shock of nearly four years of battle would now

Fall before the Clamor of a Mob.

He said that it was gratifying to observe the conservativeism shown by many of the Southern leaders, and he felt that the same spirit would ultimately prevail all over the land; that those who were now disposed to incite a civil war were those who had everything to gain and nothing to lose in such a great national calamity; that the best men of both parties counselled moderation, and were opposed to any other solution of such complications as existed than that of peace.

The Power of the President Over the Militia

Of the United States, in the event of an attempt at contravention of the action of Congress in the declaration of the election of President, naturally suggested itself. The President said that the statutes were clear on that point; that the act of 1795 clothed the Executive with ample powers. It says: "Whenever the United States are invaded or are in imminent danger of invasion from any foreign nation or Indian tribe, or of rebellion against the authority of the Government of the United States, it shall be lawful for the President to call forth such number of the militia of the State or States most convenient to the place of danger or scene of action as he may deem necessary to repel such invasion, or to suppress such rebellion, and to issue his orders for that purpose to such offices of the militia as he may think proper." The President said that it was his recollection that during the riots in New York in 1863, a portion of the National Guard of New York was called out upon direct authority of the President and cooperated with the regular forces in their suppression, and that this would apply to any other part of the United States.

What the Secret Service Division Has Done.

An inquiry into the work and usefulness of the Secret Service Division has revealed many curious and alarming facts connected with the paper currency of the country. This small body of men, through their vigilance and industry, have done wonders in the mitigation of the losses sustained through the unchecked operations of counterfeiters. Their offices in the department here, until recently destroyed, were crowded with presses, plates, dies and other implements of the counterfeiters, art not to speak of several million dollars of spurious currency in the safes, all of which, in the presence of responsible witnesses, have now been destroyed. Upon an examination of the different classes of notes in possession of the department, it was shown that about every denomination of national bank currency has, since the establishment of the national bank system, been counterfeited, some as frequently as thirty times. It is also a remarkable fact, that so far as the secret service men had been able to discover, the United States notes have been counterfeited but twice, and then of the $50 and $500 denominations, a denomination of little or no general circulation. And even in this case the work was so poorly executed that the notes were detected as soon as they appeared. The issue was, of course, called in, and new notes of different design put out. This experience has ied to considerable comment in the Treasury Department as to the relative merits of the work done by the bank note companies and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It has been found that notes made by the former are very easily susceptible of counterfeiting, while the attempts to imitate the Government work have invariably proven failures.

Hunting a Way Out of the Difficulty.

All soberminded Senators and Representatives are disposed to adjust in some form or other the pending differences of opinion between the two Houses of Congress as to the proper mode of counting the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and as to the manner of determining questions that may arise as to the legality and validity of returns made of such votes by the several States. For this purpose the House has already passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of seven to act in conjunction with any similar committee, that may be appointed by the Senate to prepare and report, without delay, such a measure, either legislative or constitutional, as may in their judgment be best calculated to accomplish the desired end. This same resolution, introduced by Senator Edmunds, is now pending in the Senate, and will doubtless be adopted. It is confidently believed that these grave questions will admit of a peaceful solution, provided the proper men are appointed on the committees. Such men as Edmunds, Conkling, Frelinghuysen and Thurman from the Senate, and Hooker, Tucker, Seelye and McCrary of the House would, in all probability, evolve some way by which the vagueness of the Constitution and the laws upon the subject might be remedied. It is certain if such intemperate spirits as Merrimon in the Senate and Fernando Wood get hold of the subject, it will require more than marshal law to preserve order on the 5th of March, 1877. It is not apprehended amongst the more conservative elements of either side that there will be any serious trouble, and it is this reactionary spirit which will keep the Democratic hotspurs to their senses if it possible to do so short of coercive measures. It is not a trifle diverting to watch the arguments of this class of Democrats. Taking counsel of their belief that Hayes and Wheeler are elected, they are fearfully exercised lest any possible chance of frustrating the will of the people may escape them, and thus witness the inauguration of the Republican candidates. Upon this line of reasoning every fraud committed and high-handed measure pursued on behalf of Mr. Tilden is right, and every step in defense of the claims of Mr. Hayes is wrong. It looks now as if conservative men will come to the front, and moderation prevail. Much will depend upon the action of this joint committee of fourteen, should it be authorized, and particularly will the probabilities of a successful issue depend upon the material of which it is composed. The most important stumbling block in the way of reaching a harmonious arrangement of these questions lies in the disposition of some members to imagine that any compromise upon the differences of opinion between the members of the two Houses as to their powers and jurisdiction in joint session in counting the electoral vote is an infringement of the prerogatives of the House.

New Ideas in Japan.

A private letter received by a high official at the Navy Department from Admiral Reynolds, commanding the Asiatic squadron, and dated on board the United States steamer at Yokohama, Japan, November 7, 1876, says that the cruise of the flagship up to that date had been very agreeable; that they had had almost continuous good weather, both at sea and in port, and that all the officers and men were in good health. The letter also contains much interesting information respecting the changes and improvements which had taken place in the Japanese Empire since his cruising in that part of the globe years ago; that railroads have been completed between Yokohama and Yedo, and from Kabe to Kioto, the sacred capital, which adds vastly to the conveniences of travel in visiting the two capitals; only one hour to Yeddo, and second class cars comfortable; that the first are seldom used. The "Jin-ric-shas," he says, are the greatest conveniences of all. They have come into use within a few years, and are now all over Japan, and at Shanghai, China. They are simply a child's street carriage enlarged to hold one or two adults, a gig or a sulky with falling top, and either one man in the shafts, only for up hill or long distance another, tandem fashion, in the lead. Foreigners, Japanese and Chinese use them, and go all over the islands, changing as necessary. People keep their own establishments the same as a carriage and horses, and they can be hired by the week, month or on the street by the job or hour. Some long winded fellows have made seventy miles in a day and would do it, but that of course is exceptional and was a private tandem team belonging to the Secretary of our Legation. The same team on the streets will take a person from Yokohama to Diebutz and back the same day, if desired, twenty-six miles. The Admiral says these convenient "ric-shas" are preferred to horseback, buggies, sedan chairs, mule litters or any other mode of conveyance known in the East for shopping excursions into and over the country, evening parties, and indeed to go anywhere except where the rail can be used. The Admiral thinks that the ruler and people of Japan have made amazing progress in Western ideas, as well as in their own, and that that empire promises to hold no unimportant position at an early day in the world.

Unfounded Rumors.

The President says the published statements purporting to foreshadow the action of the Government in reference to the rival governments in South Carolina are without authority, as the question has not yet presented itself. Also that the report of a heated discussion in the Cabinet on Friday over the situation, in which Chandler, Taft, Cameron and Tyner pressed the dispersing of the Wallace Legislature with troops, was equally untrue, as the Cabinet is of one opinion and will await the facts.

President Grant's Future Movements.

The President, speaking of his proposed visit to Europe, said he wold not sail until June, as his son, now at college, would then graduate, and he desired to have all his family with him. Afer the inauguration he would probably visit the West Indies for several months. He considers Galena, Illinois, his home, and has always kept a residence there, but may pass the winter seasons in Washington. The private effects of the President's house are being packed ready to be shipped, and to turn the building and public property within over to his successor.

Counterfeit Plates and Currency to be Destroyed.

Four hundred captured counterfeit plates and steel dies will be melted at New York to-morrow, and one million dollars in spurious money will be burned next day.

New Texas Pacific Bill.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads expect to report the Texas Pacific bill next week, and entertain hope of its passing. The new bill will cut off one hundred and fifty miles, and contain additional provisions to guard the interests of the Government.

Democratic Caucus.

Last night an informal caucus of Northern and Southern Democratic leaders was held, the object being to have an understanding with Hill, Gordon, Lamar and other Southern Democrats on their conservative notions on the political situation. The Northern Democrats said they wished to know how far they would be sustained. The Southern men agreed to co-operate in all measures within the Constitution, but outside that must be counted out. They have no wish for war.

Another Caucus.

The Democratic Caucus Committee of fifteen met to-night at Hewitt's house, to talk over the position taken by the Southern Democrats, which is that they will not support warlike measures, but will co-operate in all legal methods to bridge over the existing complications between the two parties.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1876.

THE VENEZUELAN CLAIMS MATTER.

The investigation into the alleged frauds connected with the Venezuelan mixed commission was reopened to-day. A. B. Corwine, a claims agent residing at New Rochelle, N. Y., testified to his having been engaged by Mr. Stilwell, former American Minister to Venezuela, and Mr. Talmage, American Minister, to help in securing the passage of the bill by which the American Government was to assume payment of awards. He said Mr. Orth was a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and at his suggestion he [Corwine] had called on Senator Sumner and Senator Patterson, of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Mr. Wood, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, to endeavor to remove their objection to the proposed legislation, but that he had no success with any of them.

TREASURY EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED.

Four hundred employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing were discharged to-day, nearly one-half the force. About two-thirds were women.

OF COURSE.

Representative Stephens, of Georgia, over his own signature, says the statement that he is advising a friendly acceptance by the people of the South of the inauguration of Hayes, is utterly unfounded.

NO HOLIDAY RECESS.

Speaker Randall and several other leading Democrats are known to favor sessions of the House during holiday week, and their views have been strengthened by Representative Morrison's telegram from New Orleans, urging that in view of the possible need of the exercise of the power of the House against contumacious witnesses, the usual holiday recess should not be taken.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL HARDEE.

The funeral of the late Inspector General Hardee, to-day, was attended by nearly all the army officers stationed in Washington, and a large concourse of other official and personal friends of the deceased.

DEATH.

Ex-Naval Constructor Henry Hoover, master shipjoiner at the Washington navy yard, died this evening of paralysis. He was a native of Philadelphia.

A WEEKLY LIST OF UNITED STATES PATENTS

issued to the inventors of Pennsylvania and Ohio for the week ending December 12, 1876, and each patent will bear this date. Reported expressly for the COMMERCIAL by A. H. Evans & Co., Patent Solicitors, May Building, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

L. Bastet, Philadelphia—Solution for galvanic batteries.
M. Foreman, Philadelphia—Steam generators.
C. W. Horner, Philadelphia—Railroad jacks.
J. P. Clair, Philadelphia—School desks.
J. Gravenstine, Philadelphia—Bake pan hangings.
A. Van Reel, Philadelphia—Recorders.
W. T. Eutrekin, Philadelphia—Alkaline solution.
A. Harris, Philadelphia—Meter testers.
T. Kennedy, Philadelphia—Packing for pumps and syringes.
E. Watts, Philadelphia—Portmanteau and bath tub.
J. Hemphill, Pittsburgh—Blast cylinders.
Moore & Thompson, Pittsburgh—Gates to railroad car.
Adgate & Hickman, Reading—Carriage springs.
G. W. Meigs, Reading—Eye glasses.
H. M. Miller, Beaver Falls—Shovels and spades.
J. M. Elliott, Beaver Falls—Paddocks.
W. R. Jones, Braddock—Hose and couplings.
W. R. Jones, Braddock—Operating ladles in the Bessemer process.
W. Halcroft, Medea—Curtain cord retainer.
W. H. Miller, Curwinsville—Wrought iron bridges.
J. H. Alfree, Rice's Landing—Rotary diamond holders for saws.
J. Haley, Rochester—Gilding glassware.
J. C. Anderson, Allegheny—Making roofing tiles.
P. Durrin, Spring City—Cooking ranges.
H. H. Fuller, Meadville—Tube cutters.
H. Hemebright, Pottstown—Handle for pots.
W. H. Kilburn, Corry—Knitting machine.
J. B. McCormick, Armagh and J. S. Brown, Brookville—Turbine water wheels.
O. M. Smith, Frankford—Umbrella top caps.
J. W. Wetmore, Erie—Invalid bedsteads.
*Designs*—M. Sandenberger, Philadelphia—Knitted fabrics.
*Trade Marks*—Koh-i-Noor Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia—Medical compounds for oils.
The Goods Ornamental, Plain and Overseaming Lock Stitch Company, Philadelphia—Sewing machines.

OHIO.

M. Benjamin, Cleveland—Horse shoe machines.
W. Brickner, Cincinnati—Revolving ore roasters.
J. W. Allen, Republic—Extension ladders.
G. W. Hogles and D. M. Steward, Cincinnati—Patterns for castings.
G. W. Holden, Dayton—Book cover protectors.
Peter Holloway, Monclova—Plows.
B. Kaltman, Cincinnati—Grindstones.
J. W. Weston, Cincinnati—Couplings for weather vanes.
J. H. Bissell, Rochester Depot—Planes for leather.
M. Bourke, Mineral Ridge—Lifeboats.
M. Bourke, Mineral Ridge—Boat launching apparatus.
M. Bourke, Mineral Ridge—Smoking tubes.
C. F. Brush, Cleveland—Galvanic batteries.
H. P. Buckland, Stony Ridge—Foot warmers for vehicles.
J. G. Fisher, Toledo—Car couplings.
William Garrett, Cleveland—Rolls for steel rails.
G. M. Peters, Columbus—Fifth wheel for vehicles.
J. R. Thomas, Cincinnati—Planing machine.
W. Todd, Wauseon—Wash board.
*Trade Mark*—Merrill & Wilder, South Toledo—Plows.
F. Schwab, Cincinnati—Cigars.

### TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

Bonnefey Sibour, a member of the French Senate, is dead.

General W. F. Bartlett died at Pittsfield, Mass., at two P. M. yesterday.

Andrew Miller, a carpenter, was found dead in Columbus, O., on Saturday night. Whisky.

Governor Hendricks did *not* make a speech in Jeffersonville, Indiana, on Friday night, as reported.

Ex Governor William Cozzens died at Newport, R. I., yesterday, of typhoid fever, said to have been contracted at the Centennial Exhibition.

Joseph Baumann, a well known citizen and proprietor of a large brewery in Omaha, died Saturday morning from the effects of an accident received three days since, whereby he had a leg broken.

Elkanah Ingalls and his wife, occupying a house alone in Public street, Providence, R. I., were suffocated yesterday morning. They had left a lighted lamp on the bureau on going to bed; the bureau took fire and the old couple perished before reaching the door.

In Juliustown, Burlington county, N. J., John Hageman, a storekeeper and conspicuous resident, was shot on Friday night by one Pancoast, a constable, who charged illicit intimacy of Hageman with Pancoast's wife. Hageman will probably die. Pancoast was arrested.

### NEWS SUMMARY.

*BY TELEGRAPH.*

*Probabilities for To-Day.*—Snow, followed by clearing cold weather, northerly to westerly winds and rising barometer, followed in the Upper Lake region during the night by falling barometer and variable winds.

The Alabama Legislature has repealed the law taxing commercial travelers $50.

A floor gave way in Kratochwill's mill, in Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday morning, precipitating 10,000 bushels of shelled corn to the cellar and into the race beneath the building. The damage is placed at $5,000.

☞*Advertisements* [illegible] *under the several heads of* WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR RENT, *&c., will be inserted at transient rates only*—TEN CENTS *per line for each insertion. No advertisement less than* FIFTY CENTS.

WANTS.

WANTED—EVERYBODY TO USE Abel's Vermin Exterminator. It has no equal for banishing Rats, Mice and Roaches. Sold by all druggists.

WANTED—SITUATION—BY A YOUNG man 19 years of age; is a coach painter by trade, but is willing to engage in any other honorable employment. Address W. H. B., Commercial Office.

WANTED—SITUATION AS PRESSMAN—By a sober and industrious man, capable of doing all kinds of book and job work. References given if necessary. Address BOX H, Commercial Office.

WANTED—TO SELL OR EXCHANGE—For Pittsburgh property, a House in Philadelphia, with all modern improvements. Terms liberal. Address J. E. MITCHELL, 245 Pine street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—A SITUATION—HAVE HAD considerable experience as clerk, &c., in several branches of business, and can produce first-class references. Moderate salary will be satisfactory. Address "F," Lock Box 538, city.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

BUSINESS CHANCE—$1,500 TO $3,000 will purchase a profitable MANUFACTURING BUSINESS.

Only those that mean business need apply to 125 LIBERTY STREET.

BUSINESS CHANCE—IMPORTANT TO THOSE LOOKING FOR BUSINESS—WANTED—A man with $500 or $600 capital, who is a first class solicitor or salesman and can give bond of $3,000, and to take an ACTIVE, permanent interest in a paying and established financial commercial business. None but an ACTIVE and ENERGETIC man need apply. Neither the above capital nor more will secure the interest without the above business qualities and good character. Address FINANCIAL, care this office, stating age and experience.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—ENGINES AND BOILERS—New and second-hand, of all sizes, Stationary and Portable, from 2 to 60-horse power, now on hand. JAMES HILL & CO., corner Marion avenue and P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—GRAIN AND PRODUCE BUSINESS—The undersigned wishing to relinquish their present business, an excellent opportunity is afforded to any parties desirous of engaging in the same line of trade. McBANE & ANJER, 141 Water street. MWTF

FOR SALE—DRUG AND PRESCRIPTION STORE in one of the best localities in the city, doing a good business; can be bought at a reasonable price by any one meaning business; satisfactory reasons given for selling, by addressing, in full name, "A. F.," Lock Box 260, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—ONE 14 BY 24 IN. ENGINE, a 12 by 24 in., a 10 by 24 in., and an 8 by 12 in., second-hand, and will be sold cheap; also, a lot of Pulleys, Hangers, Shafting and Belting, 10 second-hand Boilers, 8 new Engines of different sizes, at THOS. CARLIN'S, 186 Lacock street, Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—IRON PAINT—THE BEST AND and cheapest paint in the market; can be unequaled for painting cars, bridges, steamboat decks and hulls, roofs, iron, brick and wooden buildings, iron and tin work, &c., &c. Send for circular and price list. PITTSBURGH IRON PAINT COMPANY, 121 Liberty street.

FOR SALE—SHULTZ'S PATENT BELTING AND LACE LEATHER—Is superior to Leather or Gum, and is below them in price. Does not stretch, get hard or crack. We will allow purchasers a reasonable time to test it, and should it fail to prove satisfactory we will take it back and refund the money paid. M. B. COCHRAN & CO., 121 Liberty street.

FOR SALE—72 ACRES OF LAND—LAYING very pretty in Beaver county, Pa.; good soil, well improved, watered and fenced; orchard, limestone and coal; good 2-story frame house and all necessary outbuildings; 2 miles from railroad station, 4 miles from Beaver Falls; 6 head of cows, pigs, harness, &c., &c.; hay, corn, oats and other grain; all the farming implements, &c., including everything, for $4,600, on easy payments. Possession given at once. Inquire of ED. WITTISH, Beaver Falls, or every Tuesday at NO. 57 GRANT STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—

Private Residence in Philadelphia.

The magnificent Brown Stone Residence, No. 1240 North Broad street, Philadelphia, belonging to the estate of the late Michael Bouvier; lot 134 by 160 feet, with green houses, grape vines, stables, &c.; house 50 by 60 feet; all modern improvements and in perfect order. TERMS EASY. Call on or address

M. C. BOUVIER, Executor,
No. 251 Dock street, Philadelphia, or
MWF 13 New street, New York.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ROOMS—TWO FURNISHED Rooms for gentlemen, at 285 Penn avenue.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—A TWO-story brick warehouse, 150 First avenue. Immediate possession given. Inquire of W. W. THOMSON, 140 Fifth avenue.

FOR RENT—4 NICE DWELLINGS—ON Hiland avenue, East End; large grounds, with fruit trees, etc. Rent very low. Inquire of LOCKHART & FREW, 174 Wood street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A TWO-STORY brick house and ten acres of ground on Second avenue, Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh. Immediate possession given if desired. Inquire of W. W. THOMSON, 140 Fifth avenue.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A DWELLING OF 5 Rooms and Finished Attic, on Center avenue, near Soho street. Water in kitchen. Rent reasonable. Call on G. E. NORTH, Commercial Office, after 2:30 P. M., or address No. 154 Center avenue.

### NOTICES.

☞NOTICE TO VENDERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.—All persons found selling fruit and vegetables from unbranded boxes and baskets (used as measures) will be dealt with according to law.

W. W. TYSON,
County Sealer of Weights and Measures,
No. 41 Federal street.
Office Hours—8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

☞NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will apply to the next session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania for the passage of an act entitled "An act for the relief of B. F. Kennedy, Prothonotary of Allegheny County," the object of said act being the reimbursement of the undersigned for his costs and expenses in his contest with the county of Allegheny as to the payment of certain receipts of his office into the County or State Treasury, wherein it was finally adjudged that such receipts should be paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth.

B. F. KENNEDY.
Pittsburgh, December 2, 1876. M

### ELECTION NOTICES.

BANKS.

☞GERMAN NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH—The Annual Election for Nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. LAURENT, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1876.

☞EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK.—The annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 46 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
A. LONG, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 8, 1876.

☞FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM—The Annual Election for Seven (7) Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M.
JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 8, 1876.

☞MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK.—ELECTION.—The annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 64 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
W. A. SHAW, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9th, 1876.

☞IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK.—ELECTION.—The annual Election for Thirteen Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M.
GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 8, 1876.

☞PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE—ELECTION—An election for nine Directors, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
J. H. HILL, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9, 1876.

☞FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—The annual election for Directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 66 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.
S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 8, 1876.

☞ELECTION—AN ELECTION FOR Eleven Directors of the PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK of Pittsburgh will be held at its Banking House on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
F. M. GORDON, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9, 1876.

☞THIRD NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—The annual election for Directors of this bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9, 1876.

☞TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY—ELECTION—The annual election for Directors of this bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
CYRUS CLARKE, JR., Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9, 1876.

☞CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—The annual election for 9 Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on the SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY, 1877 (January 9), between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
R. K. WILSON, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 8, 1876.

☞ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK—ELECTION—An election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, from 11 to 1 o'clock.
W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 8, 1876.

### POLITICAL.

☞FOR MAYOR,
S. J. WAINWRIGHT,
FIFTEENTH WARD,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞FOR MAYOR,
JARED M. BRUSH.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞FOR MAYOR,
JOS. A. BUTLER.
Subject to the Republican City Convention.

☞FOR CITY TREASURER,
R. B. BROWN.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞FOR CITY TREASURER,
THOS. S. MITCHELL.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞FOR CITY TREASURER,
SAMUEL KILGORE.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞FOR CITY TREASURER,
J. F. DENNISTON,
TWENTIETH WARD, PITTSBURGH.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

☞FOR CITY CONTROLLER,
R. M. SNODGRASS.
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

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Administrator [illegible] HECK,
Terms [illegible] Bros.

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AND ALL THE LOWER GRADES OF
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# The Commercial.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1876.

The Indiana and Illinois Democrats are taking to treason again as naturally as they did in 1861.

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Hon. John Allison, Register of the Treasury, places us under obligations for valuable public documents.

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The Democratic press has yet to learn that Truth is as safe a thing to anchor to in journalism as in daily life.

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The New Hampshire Constitutional Convention has passed amendments prohibiting the granting of money raised by taxation to any sectarian institution.

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Tilden threatens that if Hayes is inaugurated, he will worry and annoy the Administration for the next four years; but as barking dogs do not bite, the threat does not amount to much.

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That dirty creature, Julian, of Indiana, boldly proclaims that "if the Democracy show the white feather now he will have no political association with them in future." Where in this world will he go? There is no other party that will associate with *him*.

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The suits against the canal ring in New York have come to naught and have been practically abandoned. Now that Tilden is defeated there is no longer any reason for keeping up a show of Democratic opposition to Democratic stealing.

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The Congressional committee appointed to investigate election frauds in New York city will commence their inquest to-day. Supervisor Davenport has a numerous clerical force at work, and persons who ought to know affirm that his developments will be much more formidable than the Democrats suspect.

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The fast mail train on the Pennsylvania Railroad will be restored to-day. Colonel Scott consented to this restoration not by any promise of future extra compensation, but on the representations of Superintendent Vail, of the railway mail service, that the public was deprived of postal facilities which it was in his power, as the head of a great railway corporation, to furnish.

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Tilden threatens to open a Presidential shop in New York if he can't hang out his sign in Washington. The political excitement affects him to such a degree that in the event of his failure to be inaugurated fears are entertained of a mental and physical collapse similar to that which befel Horace Greeley four years ago. Evil counsellors are doubtless at the bottom of Tilden's malady.

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Among the interesting facts developed by the census report of Massachusetts for last year, just published, is that the factory population of that State has changed three times in thirty years, from American to Irish and largely from Irish to French-Canadian, always with an increasing density of ignorance. The cotton industry represents $77,000,000 of annual products to $113,000,000 in the leather business and over $600,000,000 in all.

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The defalcation of a bank president in Belgium indicates that such disgraceful events happen as well in Europe as in America, and that dishonesty is as rife outside of political circles as within them. The current theory is that all the corruption in the world is confined to politics; but a little reflection will satisfy any one that there is a great deal of human nature in man, and that it will crop out in one position as well as in another.

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There is a steady advance in our breadstuffs trade with Europe. In 1867-8 the total exports of breadstuffs from this country was only 14,597,000 bushels. In 1876, from January 1st to December 5th, 23,048,000 bushels of wheat and 16,232,000 bushels of corn were exported from New York alone. The total shipments of all kinds of grain from that port during the period named reached 50,234,000 bushels, including flour as wheat. This is a remarkable increase.

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Governor Hayes received the largest popular vote ever polled for a Republican candidate for the Presidency. In 1860 Lincoln received 1,866,452 votes; in 1864 he received 2,213,665; in 1868 Grant received 3,053,111; in 1872 he received 3,597,132; in the recent election Hayes received, according to present returns, 3,743,013. There is to be added to this total about 300,000 negro votes in the South out of which Governor Hayes was cheated by the Southern Democrats.

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There are strong indications of a break-up in the Democratic ranks. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* says the caucus committee are mad at the National Committee of the party over the repudiation by the latter of an address the former had prepared, the advocates of the Silver bill are angry at Hewitt for his opposition to that measure, and there is a general disaffection among old heads like Wood, of New York; Jones, of Kentucky; Swan, of Maryland, and others, because the Speaker lets Springer, the Illinois blatherskite, run him.

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In 1801 the vote for President was a *tie* between Jefferson and Burr. Jefferson was Vice President from 1797 to 1801, and *opened* and *counted* the electoral votes as such, and declared the tie between himself and Burr. The House chose Jefferson for President and Burr was made Vice President, but the latter nourished a deep resentment at his defeat, which ended in his subsequent trial for treason. His fate is a warning to Tilden, for if Tilden follows the surly, resentful example of Burr he will most surely put his feet into a trap.

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We are glad that the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company has positively refused to deliver up to a Congressional committee the messages sent over the lines during the recent political campaign. It is high time that some one method of communication should be held sacred and free from chance of exposure. Mr. Orton is undoubtedly right in regarding telegraphic messages as communications given him in trust, by men of all parties, for transmission to other points, and it would be a betrayal of trust to surrender them on the demand of a partisan committee.

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The New Orleans correspondent of the Chicago *Evening Journal* says that poor Eliza Pinkston is sinking fast, and can hardly survive long. It was a marvel that she did not die the night her throat was cut and other indignities still worse were heaped upon her. She is now delirious. She lives over again the horrible scenes of the night her husband and babe were assassinated and herself treated still worse. She shrieks in terror, with a voice which cannot be simulated, "don't Dr. Young, don't!" It is a pity the editor of the *Post* could not be a nurse for a few days by the side of that sick bed. He might then have his sense of humanity not only aroused, but rendered effective. The wretch Young is out on bail.

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The Chicago *Times* of Saturday publishes an elaborate review of the banking and business interests of that city for the current year, from which it appears that its commerce has been affected by the same causes as the country generally. The Centennial and the political excitement have restricted the movement in several of the prominent markets, and it has been an unsatisfactory year for the monetary institutions, extremely low rates of interest having prevailed. There has been a large increase in the receipts and shipments of flour and grain, but a diminution in the transactions in general merchandise. The pork-packing, provisions, live stock and lumber interests are, however, claimed to be ahead of the world.

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Speaker Wallace finds it convenient to go to England for precedents to sustain the Oregon fraud, and in so doing swallows his own principles. In the disputed case of Wallace against Simpson he declared himself strongly against the principle on which Governor Grover acted in the case of Watts. He said:

> I dissent from the first proposition which he makes in this report, that Mr. Simpson being ineligible, the votes cast for him are null and void, and that, therefore, the candidate who received the next highest number of votes should be admitted. My associate on the committee, the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale], also, if I understand correctly, dissents from that position. The gentleman making this report gives us no American authority or precedent to sustain his position. He relies entirely upon English authorities and English precedents. Now, I maintain that in the formation of the American Congress there is no analogy to the Constitution of the British Parliament. The latter is formed, as it were, on an aristocratic basis of suffrage; the American Congress rests, I may say, on universal suffrage.

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A great deal more has been made out of a remark by Rev. Dr. Curry, at a regular meeting of the Methodist clergymen of New York, than the circumstances seem to warrant. The report of these remarks is made by the New York *Sun*, which is very poor authority for anything whatever, and we have no doubt that Dr. Curry's words have been twisted out of shape to make them the basis of the sensational idea that Methodism is falling to pieces in New York. According to the *Sun*, Dr. Kettell said at this meeting, "There is no vital power, no influence on society by Methodism now, as there was twenty-five years ago." Graves said, "There are at least six churches in Brooklyn that have congregations of less than a hundred and it would be a blessing if they could be shut up, for the six efficient ministers are wasted." Dr. Curry said, "We are coming to shipwreck. Many of our churches have been abandoned; the old people die out, and the young go elsewhere. We are in a terrible crisis, in death agony for the want of money. Our administration is to blame. The terrible taxes of the church weigh on Methodism like a nightmare. Where I sleep, in the upper part of the city, there are six churches of ours within ten minutes' reach; each has less than a hundred members, and all are badly in debt. This is a very serious and most alarming matter. I see no hope." This sounds very lugubrious, as given in this detached and disjointed way; but, after all, it does not apply to Methodism in general, nor to Methodism in New York and vicinity, but only to particular spots in that city. The grievance complained of is that population has drifted away from the neighborhood of the churches as originally placed, and that now the denomination has on hand more church buildings in such neighborhoods than it has congregations to fill them with. This is no doubt true as to both New York and Brooklyn; but as the same experience has befallen other denominations in the same cities, the experience of the Methodists is neither peculiar nor very remarkable.

At any rate, there is no propriety in taking these purely conversational remarks at a preachers' meeting as the basis of sensation or of conclusions as to the state of any church. The preachers' meeting is not a public one, and each member feels free to unburden himself as to men to whom he is talking in confidence. The talk at such places is not ment for the public ear, and is not framed for public examination. There is no warrant, therefore, for regarding such remarks as authoritative, or indicative of more than momentary feeling over a merely local difficulty.

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It is now pretty evident that for the ten days prior to the day for the voting of the electoral colleges, the Democratic managers were keeping up a series of feints elsewhere to direct suspicion and attention from Oregon, which was their objective point. The boasts and jubilant talk which they indulged in during that period regarding Florida were merely a part and parcel of this strategy. So, too, it was just at that time that the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued its absurd order requiring the South Carolina electors to show cause why they should not be *restrained* from meeting. Of course, knowing the character of the two Republicans comprising the Florida board, the Democratic managers never dreamed a moment of "fixing" one of them, and they were perfectly well aware that the order of the South Carolina court regarding the Presidential electors was [illegible]. But these feints served their purpose in allaying any suspicions regarding Oregon, thereby deterring our friends there from obtaining the injunction necessary to restrain Governor Grover from issuing an elector's certificate to Cronin, or from taking any other steps to thwart the conspiracy planned for that State. When, the day before the meeting of the electoral colleges, the Democratic managers in New York and Washington were jubilant and gave out hints that Oregon was all right, they had unquestionably received assurances from Governor Grover that he could be relied upon to consummate the rascality. Whatever may be the upshot of all this, one thing appears to be well settled upon, and that is, that the United States Senate will never permit such a political scoundrel to take a seat in that body.

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Governor Grover, of Oregon, misled by ex-Judge Hoadley, of Cincinnati, relied upon two decisions in New York and Indiana to justify him is deciding that the minority candidate was elected whenever the majority candidate was ineligible. In the New York case, the lower court, whose decision Governor Grover refers to, affirmed this doctrine; but the Court of Appeals, the final court in that State, reversed that decision and established the other doctrine. The uniform tenor of New York decisions is against Governor Grover, and he cannot justify himself by citing a reversed opinion as legal authority. (See Sickles' New York Reports, vol. 5, p. 451.) In the Indiana case, the court in the case of Gulick *vs.* New, 14 Ind., 93, held that where the persons casting the vote *have notice of the disqualification* their votes are nullities, and the opposing candidate is elected, but subsequent Indiana decisions (such as Price *vs.* Baker, 41 Ind., 572) confirm the opinion of the Court of Appeals of New York, so that Indiana now stands with the rest of the States in repudiating Governor Grover's doctrine. The British authorities are based upon a different system of practice to ours; but even there it is held that votes for an ineligible candidate are void only in cases where the notice of ineligibility is brought to the knowledge of the voter. This does not cover the Oregon case, where no notice was given; so that the decision of Grover has not a single good legal authority to stand upon.

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Mr. Shaw Lefevre, a distinguished member of the English Parliament, in a recent speech upon the general financial depression, showed that the Germans, far from profiting by their successful war with France, have been terribly demoralized by it; the large sums of money poured into the country having destroyed the simple habits of the people and produced luxury and waste. Can we not trace the corruption, undoubtedly too prevalent in public and private life among ourselves, to similar causes? The dignified economy and stern simplicity of our fathers no longer exist. The passion for display, for fine houses and finer clothes, the thoughtless prodigality, or reckless self-indulgence that must end in crime or bankruptcy, is a national sin. If we may believe General Butler, and he is too good a lawyer to make unauthorized statements, every State and city, every town and village, perhaps we might add almost every church and college, staggers under its load of debt, and it is to this decay of the homely virtues of economy and honesty, is due not only the fall of the Cabinet officer who betrays his trust, but the embezzlement and defalcations so common in less conspicuous stations. Now that we stand amid the embers and ashes of the dying year, it is a good time to reflect upon these things.

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The year is closing on a steady and substantial reduction in the price of gold. Its present price is believed to be only maintained by the New York merchants themselves, who, confident that the price will nearly reach par before the close of the winter, borrow gold to pay duties with, instead of buying it: thus the present price is maintained by the borrowing demand. The noiseless quietness which has characterized the steady appreciation of currency to gold during the past few months is the wonder of the year. While our political economists and financiers were vexing their brains with abstruse calculations on ratios of currency to gold necessities, the earth was silently yielding her increase. Over the sea it sped soon to return as bright gold, till finally our market was deluged; and as no one cared to invest greenbacks in a currency which lost each day a little of its purchasing power, the bugbear of a hopeless premium on gold vanished, and the long debated theory of specie resumption becomes practically an established fact.

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The Democratic merchants and bankers of New York are said to be getting heartily sick of Tilden. Political enthusiasm has died out, and in the reaction, Tilden as a man comes to view, and the view is not favorable. In that city he was, personally, no idol of the people. He was always distrusted, and John Kelly only reiterated the opinion of the entire city Democracy, in his speech at the St. Louis Convention. The course of Governor Hayes, as an honest man, standing quietly by, to let the election be decided on its merits, has won him hosts of friends among the Democrats. Fernando Wood's sentiments are declared to find no response from his constituents, which is saying a good deal. In Wall street there is but one opinion, viz.: that Hayes will be peacefully inaugurated, not only, but that long before the 4th of March he will have the hearty support of the country without regard to party. The fact that he is legally elected being now established beyond a doubt, the Democrats equally with the Republicans are anxious to set the wheels of business moving again, and will, from this time out, frown down all talk of fighting Tilden into the White House.

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At the late election the total vote of the State of New York was about 1,050,000; that of Pennsylvania was 758,910.

The population of New York in 1870 was 4,382,759; that of Pennsylvania was 3,521,791.

New York increased her population from 1860 to 1870 at the rate of 50,000 a year, and Pennsylvania at the rate of 60,000 a year.

Allowing the same rate of increase, since 1870, the population of New York would now be 4,682,759, and that of Pennsylvania 3,881,791.

Upon this basis the vote of New York is one to about four and a half of population, and that of Pennsylvania one to five. In other words, as Pennsylvania polled a full and honest vote, New York, at the same ratio, should have polled only 936,552 votes. The fair and honest inference is that New York polled 114,000 illegal votes, which we have no doubt she did. She cannot have anything like a million of voters.

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The foreign exports from Philadelphia, last week, amounted in value to $1,444,294.

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## GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The *Post* is as sore as a boil.

Blessed are they whose hearts the Lord has touched to remember the poor.

The clerk of the weather has learned the lesson of the hour, and is "keeping cool."

Our local reform organ still walks abroad with Tilden in its arms and blood in its eye.

The Philadelphia merchants engaged in the naval stores trade have resolved to organize an exchange.

A California farmer sold his wheat crop the other day for $658,000, realizing thereby a profit of $200,000.

Two hundred and fifty enlisted Indians have just left Red Cloud Agency *en route* for General Crook's camp.

Somebody calculates that the Pacific ocean contains sixteen per cent. more salt than the Atlantic. One grows [illegible]

The Democratic party is frantic. It acts as though it were out of [illegible] other fellow had caught the [illegible].

[illegible] pressive characterization [illegible] gusted Democrats upon his one-horse pronunciamento.

The gold production of Montana since the discovery of the mines in 1863 is calculated by an authority in that Territory at $110,000,000.

When you thank Heaven for a comfortable roof, a bin well filled with coal, warm clothing and plenty to eat, remember the poor, who have none of these.

It has been determined by all the coal companies in the Allegheny region to reduce the wages of the miners to forty cents per ton on the 1st of January.

The Cambria Iron Company is erecting a mill for the manufacture of steel music-wire and other kinds of steel wire. It will have a capacity of thirty tons a day.

Quorum Cronin, of Oregon, who is submerged in his own infamy, was formerly a saloon keeper in Logansport, Indiana, and frequently before the courts in a criminal way.

There are indications that the war between the great trunk lines of railroads is likely to be speedily and satisfactorily settled. It has been a suicidal contest from the first.

Lucy Stone Blackwell says she "hates everything in Massachusetts except its rocks, trees and brooks," and the Boston *Herald* inquires if her husband is a rock, a tree or a brook.

State and county taxes may be collected from an estate in bankruptcy without reference to the claims of creditors. So it has been decided by the United States District Court at St. Louis.

Careless money-takers are warned against an imitation note purporting to have been issued by the "United States Cotton Mills" at Mauch Chunk, closely resembling a $5 national bank note.

Ira L. Ibbitson, formerly a general in the Brazilian army, and subsequently a major general during the American war, applied at the Ottawa, Canada, police station the other night for shelter and food. Drink!

A practical idea against intemperance has been started in England, where the magistrates have determined to ascertain from drunkards brought before them the name of the publican who last supplied them with liquor.

Isn't it a little odd that when men are so anxious to start for the North pole, no movement is made toward rescuing the men left in the Arctic ice by the whaling fleet, and who, being without intelligent leaders, stand a poor chance of getting out alive?

"How doth the little busy bee." The product of wax in the United States is 20,000,000 pounds annually, and increasing, worth in money at least $6,000,000. The total annual product of honey and wax is worth at present in this country nearly $15,000,000.

Santo Monica, California, "the Long Branch of the Pacific," was laid out in town lots but sixteen months since, and now there are in the town over three hundred buildings and eight hundred inhabitants, with a $20,000 hotel, a public school building and two church edifices.

Diphtheria is prevailing is New York in an epidemic form. During November there were eighty-nine fatal cases, and during the first two weeks of December one hundred and eight. The percentage of fatal cases is about twelve in one hundred. The deaths last week reached eighty. The ages of those attacked range from four to fifteen years. But few adult cases are reported. The disease also prevails to an unusual extent in Brooklyn, Williamsburg and Jersey City.

The internal revenue system yielded during the last fiscal year $117,237,086, which is $7,391,705 greater than in 1875. The largest proportion of the whole amount was yielded by distilled spirits, $52,426,365, which is $4,344,374 greater than last year; tobacco yielded $39,795,339, an increase of $2,491,878; fermented liquors $9,571,280, an increase of $427,276; banks and bankers $4,006,698; a decrease of $90,550; stamps $6,518,487, a decrease of $38,742.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Biographical Annals of the Civil Government of the United States, during its First Century. By Charles Lanman. Washington: James Anglim.

This valuable work, the only one of its kind extant, contains about seven thousand biographical sketches, and eight thousand additional names of persons who have been connected with the Government since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, making in all about fifteen thousand personal references in the volume. It embraces in its scope the Delegates, Representatives and Senators who have served in the Continental and Federal Congresses, the Federal and State Judiciary, Ministers to and from foreign countries, executive officers in all the departments of the nation, as well as all the Governors of the States and Territories, together with a very large amount of tabular information, gathered from official sources, calculated to illustrate the growth and present condition of the Government of the United States.

The historian, the statesman, the politician, the editor and the general reader who desires to keep himself well informed concerning the men who have made our laws, governed the country and represented it abroad, during the past century, will find this an invaluable work of reference. It is a royal octavo of seven hundred pages, well printed, and can be had from agents and booksellers, or by mail from the publisher, James Anglim, Washington, D. C.

Corinne, or Italy. A Love Story. By Madame De Stael. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by J. R. Weldin & Co., Pittsburgh.

This romance abounds with vivid scenes and fanciful sketches. Rome is painted in glowing colors. In the character of Corinne, it is said by an admirer, Madame De Stael draws an imaginary self what she is, and what she had the power of being, and what she might easily imagine that she might have become. Purity, which her sentiments and principles teach her to love; talents and accomplishments, which her energetic genius might easily have acquired; uncommon scenes fitted for her extraordinary mind; and even beauty which her fancy contemplates so constantly, and which in the enthusiasm of invention she bestows on the adorned as well as improved self. These are the materials out of which she has formed Corinne.

An Anecdote Biography of Percy Bysshe Shelley. By Richard Henry Stoddard. Published by Scribner, Armstrong & Co., New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

This delightful volume belongs to the "Sans Souci Series," edited by the gifted Stoddard. It is not a life of the poet, but rather the grouping together of anecdotes illustrating the wonderful career of Shelley, which had spots upon the disc and marred its beauty. The genius of the poet was unquestioned, and lovers of literature will enjoy the mosaics so beautifully wrought and here reproduced. The plastic touch of the compiler is seen everywhere, and admirably in keeping with the delicately gotten up binding.

Words; Their Use and Abuse. By Wm. Matthews, LL. D., author of "Getting on in the World," etc. Published by S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

This valuable work is the outgrowth of a lecture on "Words—their Significance Use and Abuse," which will supply a want. The subject seems thoroughly digested and indicates the culture and pains taking care of the author. The plan of the work is simple, rich in thought, covering a wide range of quotations, and is full of pertinent illustrations. It will be valuable in many ways, in training students to use right words, and increasing the culture of correct speakers and writers. The book is substantial in its make up and reflects credit on the publishers.

The Gold of Chickaree. By Susan and Anna Warner, authors of "Wide, Wide World," "Wych Hazel," etc. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

The Misses Warners are rising in favor, and this story, and "Wych Hazel," are the best they have written. There is fresh [illegible] to the style, the characters are more natural [illegible] pictures of American domestic life, and there is a pure vein of gentleness pervading it. These lady writers inculcate a high-toned morality in their books, and they may be safely introduced into the family circle. They have written well, and few of this class of books have been more popular.

The Young Trail; or, The Wild Riders of the Plains. By Samuel Woodworth Cozzens, author of "The Marvellous Country." Published by Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

This is said to be an account of the "veritable adventures of Hal Hyde and Ned Brown, on their journey across the great plains of the Southwest." It is a graphic picture of frontier life, especially the author's experience and adventures with the Indians, delineating their habits, characteristics and peculiar customs. It will doubtless be a popular book with young people, boys especially, who will relish the daring adventures of the company.

A Point of Honor. By Mrs. Annie Edwards, author of "Ought We to Visit Her?" etc. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

It is conceded generally that Mrs. Edwards is a sprightly and fascinating writer, but sometimes we think there is a leaning toward sensationalism. She usually portrays her characters strongly, and they are all aglow with feeling. This love story between an English country gentleman and a country maid serves to weave and illustrate that a man's honor lies in his own hands, and dishonor springs from his own deeds alone. It will no doubt have a large sale.

Snip and Whip, and Some Other Boys. By Elizabeth A. Davis. Published by Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

Just the kind of a rollicking story for boys, with some sketchy scenes of several parties, birth and holiday events. The style is simple and fascinating, and a twelve-year-old boy, with this book in hand, would be held until he had read it with a voracious appetite. In a word, a capital book for boys.

The Reading Club and Handy Speaker. Edited by George Baker. Published by Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh. Price 50 cents.

This belongs to a series, number four, of selections in prose and poetry, comprising serious, humorous, pathetic, patriotic and dramatic pieces for reading and recitations. Mr. Baker is rarely gifted in collecting poems and prose matter for this series.

## PENNSYLVANIA OIL REGIONS.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

Parker City, December 16, 1876.

Those producers who followed the advice tendered them to hold on to their oil for better prices when they could have realized $4 20 a few days ago, realize now that the advice was not by any means well timed and certainly not at all disinterested. Similar advice was given by one of the papers published on Oil creek when the market was ranging in the neighborhood of $1 75 a barrel, nearly three years ago. Producers were urged day after day to hold on to their oil, keep it in tank and not to sell a barrel for less than two dollars. Some disregarded this advice, and sold on the market of the day, but others who took the urgent appeals to be intended for their benefit and to proceed from the mouth of Sir Oracle himself, held on to their oil for a two dollar market, until they were very glad in December of that year to get fifty cents a barrel for it.

The sooner producers discard altogether the idea that they can establish arbitrary laws to govern the price of their staple, regardless of the inevitable laws of supply and demand, the better it will be for them individually and the trade in general. The example of the Standard Oil Company is held up to them for their emulation, and they are assured that because this powerful and unscrupulous monopoly is able to dictate the price of refined petroleum, all they, the producers, have to do is to dictate the price of crude and, if their demands are not acceded to, tank their oil and "hold the fort" until the refiners are prepared to pay them the price they demand.

It should be borne in mind that the Standard ring comprises the leading railroads in the country, and that the freight discriminations in its favor alone give it immense advantages over any competitors who might enter the lists in opposition. Moreover, during the dark days of fifty cent oil, when hundreds of producers were driven to bankruptcy and every one of them stood on its "ragged edge," the Standard Oil Company was actively engaged in purchasing refineries all over the country, and at the same time became owners of the controlling interest in the heaviest producing firm in the oil regions. They are thus in a position to supply themselves with all the oil they need to supply the market, while netting ten dollars a barrel, and in the mean time stocks, if held by the producers for higher prices, would accumulate so that if the Standard chose to come into the market as a purchaser it could buy at about such prices as suited it. Small producers would, of course, have to sell to meet current expenses, at whatever prices they could realize at the time, and having only one customer would receive for their staple just exactly what that purchaser chose to pay.

Another fact lost sight of is, that although we do not at present know of any such extensive reservoirs of petroleum as were found in the Butler district, it is not an impossibility that they may exist.

Previous to the striking of the enormous gusher on the Trautman farm, developments were mainly active in the Clarion district, and a few days before the sand was struck in the Trautman well it might have been bought out for far less than its actual cost. As soon, however, as the well commenced flowing leases were rapidly taken, producers swarmed to the Butler district and every one commenced drilling for a thousand barrel gusher. Clarion county was voted entirely too slow for the average producer, as thirty-barrel wells were entirely behind the age.

Now, however, Clarion is in advance in regard to developments, and the Bradford district is quite a favorite field of operations and is yielding about fifteen hundred barrels a day.

Bullion run is assuming considerable importance. Shirley & Tack's new well is doing about thirty barrels.

The Philips Brothers, No. 3, on the Galey farm, is in the sand, which is fine and close. Drilling has been suspended to-day. Of course it is possible that, as they drill deeper, they may strike a better quality of sand, and that the well may have a prolific yield; but from present indications it will not be more than a twenty barrel well. This belt extends to Beaver county and, although the territory is considerably spotted, there is no doubt but that some very prolific basins may be found upon the line.

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A suit of very much interest to the oil trade was tried before Hon. J. Boggs, President Judge at Kittanning, this week. The case was L. H. Smith *vs.* Thomas Hackett, and it involved the question of the validity of a class of contracts peculiar to the oil taade.

Plaintiff sued to recover damages from a breach of contract made July 28, 1875, in which he sold defendant five thousand barrels of oil, to be delivered at buyers' option, ten days, with five days' notice to seller at $1 80 per barrel. On the next day defendant telegraphed to Smith that he would not take the oil, but would settle the difference on that day's market, which would have been about $300. Smith expressed his willingness to deliver the oil in five days, according to contract, and tendered it then and at the end of ten days, but Hackett refused to take it. Smith then sold the oil publicly, on Hackett's account, establishing a difference of $2,185.

The defense was that the contract was in the nature of what is known as a gambling contract, and not binding. Judge Boggs charged the jury that the contract was binding and, if they believed it to have been fully proved, the plaintiff was bound to recover. The jury promptly returned a verdict for plaintiff for $2,185.

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RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—

On and after MONNDAY, December 11th, 1876, trains will leave Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows:

CITY TIME.

MAIN LINE EASTWARD.

Pacific Express daily, except Monday, at 2:56 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg at 11 45 a. m., Philadelphia 3:45 p. m., New York 6:45 p. m.

Mail Train daily, except Sunday, 7:16 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 8:15 p. m.

Day Express daily, at 8:26 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 3:55 p. m., Philadelphia 7:20 p. m. New York 10:15 p. m., Baltimore 7:25 p. m., Washington 9:07 p. m.

Atlantic Express daily at 12:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:05 p m, Philadelphia 3:10 a m. New York 6:15 a m.

Philadelphia Express daily, except Sunday, 4:21 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 2:40 a m, Philadelphia 7:00 a m. New York 10:05 a m.

Fast Line daily at 8:06 p m, arriving at Harrisburg 3:50 a m, Philadelphia 7:35 a m, New York 10:25 a m. Baltimore 7:45 a m, Washington 9:12 a m.

Johnstown Accommodation, 3:31 p m.

Wall's Accommodation, 6:41. 10:21, 11:46 a m., 3:41, 5:01, 5:46, 6:11 and 11:31 p m. Sunday 12:46 p m.

Brinton Accommodation, 6:06 a m and 9:26 p m. Sunday 9:26 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation 9:21 a m, 1:41, 3:11, 5:21, 7:41 and 10:11 p m.

MAIN LINE WESTWARD

Trains arrive at Union Depot (city time) as follows:

Mail Train daily, except Monday..........12:41 a m
Pittsburgh Express daily, except Monday. 7:41 a m
Cincinnati Express daily..........
Pacific Express daily..........8:19 a m
Way Passenger daily..........1:41 p m
Fast Line daily..........8:36 p m
Johnstown Accommodation..........11:11 p m
..........10:36 a m

Wall's Accommodation 6:56 9:01 a m, 1:21, 2:41 5:5 , 7:17 and 7:36 p m. Sunday, 10:01 a m. and 7:11 p m

Brinton Accommodation, 7:41 and 8:16 a m, and 11:16 p m. On Sunday 7:56 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation, 7:11, 11:46 a m, 3:06, 4:41, 7:31 and 9:21 p m.

SOUTHWEST PENN. RAILWAY.

No Change of Cars.

Youghiogheny Express, except Sunday, 8:36 a m. Uniontown Express, daily, except Sunday, 4:36 p m.

Trains arrive from Uniontown at 9:36 a m and 6:01 p m.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

From Federal Street Depot, Allegheny City. City Time

Mail Train, connecting for Butler, 7:11 a m.
Express, connecting for Butler, 2:31 p m.
Butler Accommodation, 9:31 a m. On Sunday 7:46 a m.
Freeport Accommodation, 4:56 p m.
Springdale Accommodation, 11:31 a m, 6:16 and 11:31 p m. On Sunday at 12:51 and 9 11 p m.
Sharpsburg Accommodation, 8:41 p m.
Market Train for Butler, 3:51 p m.

Trains arrive at Federal Street Depot (city time):

Express, connecting from Butler, 9:38 a m.
Mail Train, connecting from Butler, 5:26 p m.
Butler Accommodation, 1:06 p m. On Sunday 6:56 p m.
Freeport Accommodation, 8:06 a m.
Springdale Accommodation, 6:51, a m 3:51 and 7:16 p m. On Sunday at 6:51 a m and 6:41 p m.
Sharpsburg Accommodation, 9:51 p m.
Market Train from Butler, 9:01 a m.

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BALTIMORE AND OHIO [illegible] —PITTSBURGH [illegible]

On and after [illegible]

| | |
|---|---|
| [illegible] 9:?2 a m | [illegible] McKeesport Ac. |
| Through Mail.. 9:24 a m | McKeesport Ac 5:45 a m |
| McKeesport Ac. 11:20 a m | W. Newton Ac 8:23 a m |
| McKeesport Ac 3 20 p m | Through Ex. 8:35 a m |
| Uniontown Ex. 3:55 p m | Uniontown Ex 9:40 a m |
| McKeesport Ac 4:15 p m | McKeesport Ac 12:40 p m |
| W. Newton Ac 5:08 p m | McKeesport Ac 2:00 p m |
| McKeesport Ac 6:20 p m | Fayette Co. Ex. 5:23 p m |
| Through Ex.... 7:00 p m | McKeesport Ac 6:05 p m |
| McKeesport Ac. 11:15 p m | McKeesport Ac 7:32 p m |
| Church Train.. 12:45 p m | Through Mail.. 8:20 p m |
| Church Train. 9:30 p m | Church Train.. 10:05 a m |
| Through Ex.... 11:00 p m | Church Train.. 6:45 p m |

Through Express arrives daily. Through Mail arrives daily, except Sunday.

Accommodation Trains and Fayette County Express daily, except Sunday.

Through Mail leaving at 9:24 a m, daily, except Sunday arrives at Washington 9 10 p m, Baltimore 10:30 p m. Richmond 7:05 a m, Philadelphia 3:05 a m, New York 6:25 a m.

Through Express leaving at 7 p m daily, except Sunday, arrives at Washington 6:35 a m, Baltimore 8 30 a m. Richmond 11:30 p m, Philadelphia 1:15 p m, New York 5:05 p m

Through Express leaving at 11 p m, Sundays only, arrives at Washington 12 noon, Baltimore 1:40 p m, Philadelphia 6:50 p m.

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Leave Pittsburgh 3:55 p m, arrive at Connellsville 6:06 p m, Uniontown 6:45 p m.

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E. K. HYNDMAN, Superintendent.
L. M. COLE, General Ticket Agent.
R. EVANS, Passenger Agent.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY, PAN HANDLE ROUTE.

On and after SUNDAY, November 26, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

| DEPART. | ARRIVE. |
|---|---|
| Steubenville Ac. 7:17 a m | McDonald's Ac 6:47 a m |
| Pacific Express 8:42 a m | Cincinnati Ex. 8:03 a m |
| Washington Ac 9:17 a m | Washington Ac 8:22 a m |
| McDonald's Ac. 11:02 a m | Dennison Ac... 9:42 a m |
| Dennison Ac... 3:52 p m | McDonald's Ac 2:02 p m |
| Washington Ac 4:52 p m | Washington Ac 6:57 p m |
| McDonald's Ac 6:12 p m | Steubenville Ac 5:32 p m |
| Mansfield Ac 11:02 p m | Fast Line....... 7:5 p m |
| Fast Line....... 11:34 p m | Mansfield Ac... 7:17 p m |
| Sunday Church Train.......... 12:47 p m | Sunday Church Train .......... 9:57 a m |
| Sunday Church Train .......... 9:42 p m | |

Pacific Express and Fast Line leave daily.

Cincinnati Express, Fast Line and Mansfield Accommodation arrive daily.

All other trains will run daily, except Sundays.

Sleeping Cars, without change, to Cincinnati Louisville, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

D. W. CALDWELL, General Manager.
S. M. FELTON, Jr., General Superintendent.
W. L. O'BRIEN, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY, CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

On and after December 4th, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, city time, as follows:

| LEAVE. | ARRIVE. |
|---|---|
| Crestline Mail... 6:12 a m | Atlantic Ex.... 2:42 a m |
| Erie and Ashtabula Ex...... 7:27 a m | Wheeling Ex. 10:27 a m |
| Clev & W Mail.. 8:32 a m | Chicago Ex..... 12:25 p m |
| Chicago Ex..... 9:12 a m | Erie and Ashtabula Ex..... 2:42 p m |
| Clev & Whg Ex. 1:52 p m | Chicago Mail..... 2:42 p m |
| Pacific Ex..... 2:12 p m | Cleveland Ex.... 3:52 p m |
| Wheeling Ex... 3:17 p m | Chicago and St. Louis Ex.... 7:47 p m |
| Erie & Wrn Ex. 4:27 p m | Cleve & W Ex.... 7:57 p m |
| Fast Line...... 11:42 p m | Erie Ex.... 11:27 p m |
| Depart from Allegheny. | Arrive in Allegheny. |
| Beaver Falls Ac. 8:47 a m | Leetsdale Ac.... 6:42 a m |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 10:27 a m | Leetsdale Ac.... 7:27 a m |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 12:07 p m | Beaver Falls Ac 8:12 a m |
| Sharpsville Ac.. 1:12 p m | Enon Ac....... 8:47 a m |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 2:37 p m | Sharpsville and Warren Ac. 10:12 a m |
| Enon Ac....... 3:37 p m | Leetsdale Ac.... 12:52 p m |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 5:12 p m | Beaver Falls Ac 3:12 p m |
| Beaver Falls Ac. 6:22 p m | Leetsdale Ac.... 4:52 p m |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 9:27 p m | Leetsdale Ac.... [illegible] |
| Leetsdale Ac.... 11:22 p m | Leetsdale Ac.... 10:02 p m |
| Fair Oaks Sunday Church.. 12:42 p m | Fair Oaks Sunday Church.... 9:52 a m |

Pacific Express Leaves Daily.
Fast Line Leaves Daily, except Saturday.
Chicago Express Arrives Daily.
Atlantic Express Arrives Daily, Mondays excepted.
All other trains will Leave and Arrive Daily, Sundays excepted.

J. D. LAYNG, General Manager.
F. R. MYERS, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

On and after MONDAY, December 11, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, city time:

| LEAVE. | ARRIVE. |
|---|---|
| Arnolds Park Ac 6:50 a m | Night Express 6:20 a m |
| Buffalo Express 8:15 a m | Arnolds Park Ac 6:40 a m |
| Soda Wks Ac.... 10:15 a m | Soda Wks Ac. 8:10 a m |
| Freeport Ac.... 11:40 a m | Arnolds Park Ac 9:55 a m |
| Titusville Ex.. 1:55 p m | Emlenton & Reynoldsville Ac. 11:15 a m |
| Emlenton & Reynoldsville Ac 3:20 p m | Soda Wks Ac.. 1:45 p m |
| Arnolds Park Ac 5:00 p m | Titusville Ex.. 2:35 p m |
| Soda Wks Ac.... 6:15 p m | Freeport Ac.... 6:00 p m |
| Night Express.. 8:25 p m | Arnolds Park Ac 7:20 p m |
| Arnolds Park Ac 11:10 p m | Buffalo Ex.... 7:58 p m |

All Trains Daily, except Sunday.

Church Train—Leaves Soda Works at 8:40 a m, arriving at Pittsburgh at 10:05 a m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 12 40 p m, arriving at Soda Works at 2:05 p m., stopping at all Stations.

Sunday Special—Leaves Pittsburgh at 8:15 a m, arriving at Emlenton 12:25 p m. Returning, leaves Emlenton 3:10 p m, arriving at Pittsburgh 7:15 p m, stopping at all stations.

Pullman's Palace Sleeping Cars on Night Express between Pittsburgh and Titusville.

Buffalo Express north connects at Red Bank with train on Low Grade Division for Brookville and Driftwood, making connections at Driftwood with trains on the P. and E. R. R. eastward to Williamsport, and westward to Emporium, Olean and points on B. N. Y. and P. R. R.

Buffalo Express, north and south, connect at Red Bank with trains on Low Grade Division for Sligo, Brookville and Reynoldsville.

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## FINANCE AND TRADE.

SATURDAY EVENING, December 16, 1876.

The market retains its usual characteristic features of quiet and ease, the banks being well supplied with funds and gladly accepting all offerings of unimpeachable paper at the usual rates 7@9 per cent. on prime commercial paper and 6@7 on first-class collaterals. General business continues quiet except where the holiday trade is making itself felt and that is not expected to reach such dimensions as to exert any especial influence over general business. It is hoped that with the opening of the year, the settlement of the disputed political questions and the restoration of confidence, the future may develop a healthy activity throughout financial and trade circles. The clearing-house report for the week ending to-day shows an increase of business over the average of the preceding month of about $400,000 and is about $600,000 in excess of the corresponding week in 1875. The report for the week ending to-day is as follows:

| | Exchanges. | Balances. |
|---|---|---|
| December 11 | $1,044,249 41 | $268,122 47 |
| December 12 | 717,681 65 | 126,122 17 |
| December 13 | 759,668 93 | 146,185 35 |
| December 14 | 706,470 68 | 149,325 80 |
| December 15 | 670,588 96 | 109,978 77 |
| December 16 | 707,081 58 | 121,328 14 |
| Total | $4,605,741 21 | $921,362 79 |
| Week ending Dec. 9 | 4,260,304 74 | 733,681 26 |
| Week ending Dec. 4 | 4,026,854 37 | 820,904 24 |
| Week ending Nov. 25 | 4,264,172 79 | 863,650 05 |
| Week ending Nov. 18 | 4,275,077 76 | 815,731 83 |
| Do end'g Dec. 18,'75 | 4,007,162 23 | 571,281 37 |
| Total 1876 to date | 216,276,723 61 | 42,383,035 58 |
| Total 1875 to date | 224,115,670 87 | 36,923,739 73 |

—The silver currency is nearly as prominent a feature in finance now as it was six months ago. Then its rapid decline caused fears that it would be a debased and therefore discreditable currency, easily counterfeited at a profit, and a poor substitute for the paper currency. Now its advance causes fears in the opposite direction, as a further slight appreciation in the price of silver, with gold at even the present price, will influence the withdrawal of the subsidiary silver coin from circulation for sale as bullion. A comparatively small advance in the gold premium would have the same effect. Since the issue of silver change in substitution of small paper currency, some three or four months, $24,456,756 in coin have been disbursed. We annex New York quotations of foreign and domestic coins and bullion, as in American gold:

| | Buying. | Selling. |
|---|---|---|
| American trade dollars | 98 | 100 |
| American silver (half and quarter dollars) | 93¾ | 94 |
| American silver (dimes and half dimes) | 93 | 94 |
| Mexican dollars, old style | 98 | 100 |
| Mexican dollars, new style | 98 | 100 |
| English silver | 480 | 486 |
| Five francs | 90 | 93 |
| Thalers | 69 | 71 |
| English sovereigns | 485 | 488 |
| Twenty francs | 390 | 394 |
| Spanish doubloons | 1620 | 1650 |
| Mexican doubloons | 1555 | 1565 |
| Silver bars (999) fine | 124½ | 125¼ |
| Fine gold bars | Par@¼ per cent. premium. | |

—The principal change in the New York bank averages for the week is the increase of $4,023,800 in specie, the heavy arrivals of specie from Europe at length having had this marked influence on the bank figures. The legal tender average is about steady, the change being an increase of $158,500; a large decrease in this item would have caused no surprise. The change in the deposit average is as nearly as possible what is warranted by the changes in the items which enter into deposits. The surplus reserve is $3,763,875 higher than last week, and almost wholly on account of the large increase in specie. The *Post* says that if the banks contemplated liquidating that then the specie part of their reserve would have to be, or would be for evident reasons, turned into legal tender notes. As they do not contemplate liquidating and have legal tender notes enough for settlements it follows that, to the extent that the specie in the banks is not there on special deposit, it constitutes as good a part of the reserve as do the legal tender notes held by a bank on general deposit. The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks:

| | Dec. 9. | Dec. 16. | Differences. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans | $256,681,300 | $254,147,200 | Dec. $2,533,800 |
| Specie | 22,923,400 | 26,948,200 | Inc. 4,023,800 |
| Legal tenders | 36,373,900 | 36,682,400 | Inc. 158,500 |
| Deposits | 204,850,800 | 206,524,500 | Inc. 1,673,700 |
| Circulation | 14,911,800 | 15,000,800 | Inc. 89,000 |
| Total reserve | 59,297,300 | 63,479,600 | Inc. 4,182,300 |
| Res. required | 51,212,700 | 51,631,125 | |
| Excess | 8,084,600 | 11,848,474 | Inc. 3,763,875 |

—A very sharp point is made on the trunk lines by the New York *Tribune* as follows: "It is surprising that it did not occur to some of the astute speculators of the street that if Central and Hudson can do as well at present rates for passengers and freight as its annual report would make it appear it had done, the people will not be willing to submit to any advance. Eight per cent. on a fictitious capital of about *$50,000,000 is about all the tax the trade of this city and State can stand.*" The same logic might be applied in this vicinity, and with increased force when we reflect the freight rates which Pittsburgh pays, on an average double those on which the trunk lines are paying their eight per cent. dividends, on capital and debt totals largely fictitious or inflated.

—The increase in the Boston Five Cent Savings Bank during the official year ending November 1, was over $1,250,000. The total increase in all the banks of the State was some ten millions, and the whole amount of deposits and surplus is now in the neighborhood of $250,000,000. This is a very large sum, and its amount shows that there have been no systematic withdrawals of deposits in consequence of the hard times.

—It may not be too early to remind business men of the legal holiday on the 25th. Christmas coming on Monday week the Clearing House and banks will be closed and paper maturing on that date must be provided for on Saturday.

—The New York Associated Banks invite the co-operation of banks throughout the United States in an effort to obtain from Congress and the State Legislatures relief from the present burdensome taxation of their capital and deposits.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. Furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

| December 16, 1876. | 10:30 A. M | 11:30 A. M | 12:30 P. M | 1:30 P. M | 2:30 P. M | 3:00 P. M |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gold | 107⅝ | 107¾ | 107⅝ | 107¾ | 107¾ | 107¾ |
| U. S. 6's, 1881, coup. | 116⅛ | 116⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1865 | 112⅝ | 112⅝ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1865, new | 112⅛ | 112⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1867 registered | .... | 112⅝ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1867 | .... | 112⅝ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1868, registered | 113¾ | 113¾ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 5-20's, 1868 | 117 | 117⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 10-40's | 112⅛ | 112½ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 10-40's, coupons | 112½ | 112½ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Currency 6's | 121⅛ | 121⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| New 5 per cents | 111⅛ | 111⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Western Union Tel | 72⅝ | 72⅝ | 72⅝ | 72⅝ | 72⅝ | 72⅝ |
| Quicksilver | 12⅝ | .... | .... | 13⅜ | .... | .... |
| Pacific Mail | 24½ | .... | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24¼ |
| Panama | 130 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Adams Express | 103 | .... | .... | 101½ | .... | .... |
| Wells-Fargo Express | 88 | .... | .... | 88 | .... | .... |
| American Express | 55½ | .... | .... | 55 | .... | .... |
| United States Ex | 53 | .... | .... | 52½ | .... | .... |
| New York Central | 104⅜ | .... | 105¼ | 104⅝ | 105 | 104⅞ |
| Erie | 9⅞ | 9⅞ | 10⅛ | .... | .... | 10 |
| Michigan Central | 44⅞ | 44⅞ | 43⅞ | 45¼ | 45⅝ | 45 |
| Michigan Southern | 58⅝ | 59½ | 59⅝ | 59⅝ | 59 | 59⅝ |
| Illinois Central | 67 | .... | .... | 67 | .... | .... |
| Clev. and Pittsburgh | 90½ | .... | .... | 90½ | .... | .... |
| Chicago & Northwest | .... | 35⅛ | .... | .... | .... | 35 |
| Do. preferred | 56⅝ | .... | .... | .... | 55⅜ | 56⅝ |
| Rock Island | 99½ | .... | .... | 100¼ | 100¼ | 100⅜ |
| St. Paul common | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20⅞ |
| Do. preferred | .... | .... | 53¼ | 52⅞ | 52½ | 53 |
| Wabash common | 5⅜ | .... | .... | 5 | 5⅜ | .... |
| Fort Wayne | .... | .... | .... | 101½ | .... | .... |
| Ohio and Mississippi | .... | 5⅜ | .... | 5 | .... | 5¼ |
| Union Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 60⅝ | .... | 60⅝ |
| Harlem | 135 | .... | .... | 134 | .... | .... |
| New Jersey Central | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 34½ |
| Hannibal & St. Joe | 12⅝ | .... | .... | 12⅝ | .... | 12½ |
| Iron Mountain | 13 | .... | .... | 11 | .... | .... |
| C., C. & I. C. | .... | .... | .... | 2½ | .... | 2½ |
| Missouri Pacific | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3½ |
| Del., Lack. & West | 71¼ | 71⅛ | 70⅞ | .... | 70⅞ | 69⅞ |
| South Carolinas, Apr | .... | 34 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| South Carolinas, Jul | .... | 33 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Missouri 6's | .... | 107⅛ | .... | .... | .... | .... |

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

| Stocks. | Bid. | Asked. | Sales. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pennsylvania Central | .... | .... | 47⅞ |
| Reading | 20⅛ | 20¼ | .... |
| United Cos. of N. J | 138½ | .... | .... |
| P'gh, Tit'lle & Buffalo | .... | .... | 8⅝ |
| Lehigh Valley | .... | .... | 49 |
| Allegheny Valley 7-30's | 104 | .... | .... |
| Central Transportation | 39⅝ | 40 | .... |
| Empire Transportation | .... | 50 | .... |

[By Associated Press.]

### Gold Closed at 107¾.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Money 4@6 per cent., closing dull at 4@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@7 per cent. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $277,000. Clearings $27,500,000. The steamer Batavia arrived this morning with £201,300 specie. Sterling dull at 482@484.

GOLD.

Gold closed at 107¾, after advancing from 107⅝ to 107¾. Carrying rates 3@5 per cent. Loans also made flat.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds active and strong. Railroad bonds firm and in good demand. State bonds quiet but steady. The stock market in the forenoon was strong and higher, the advance in prices ranging from ¼ to 1⅜ per cent.; in the general list, the improvement was greatest in trunk line shares, owing to the close of the railroad war. Lake Shore advanced from 58 to 59⅝, New York Central from 104½ to 105¼, ex. dividend, Michigan Central from 44¼ to 45⅜. Erie from 9¾ to 10⅛, Rock Island from 99⅞ to 100⅛, St. Paul common from 20⅜ to 20⅞, preferred from 53¼ to 53⅜ and later fell off to 52⅞; Western Union declined from 72⅝ to 72¼, closing at 72⅜@72½; Delaware and Hudson Canal declined from 70⅝ to 69, and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western from 71¼ to 70⅛. After midday there was a reaction of from ⅛ to ⅜ per cent. in the general list. Throughout the day there was an immense crowd in the Lake Shore corner of the Exchange and prices made a steady advance in the early hours, but later quotations were a shade lower, owing to some large realizing sales. At the close the market was dull and strong. Sales to-day aggregated 150,000 shares, of which 7,300 were Western Union, 2,400 Northwestern, 2,100 Rock Island, 12,000 St. Paul, 6,400 Erie, 82,000 Lake Shore, 3,000 New York Central, 23,600 Michigan Central and 8,700 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| West. Union Tel | 72⅝ | Rock Island | 100¼ |
| Quicksilver | 13 | St. Paul | 20⅞ |
| Do. preferred | 20 | Do. preferred | 52⅞ |
| Pacific Mail | 24⅛ | Toledo & Wabash | 5⅜ |
| Adams Express | 101 | Do. preferred | 5 |
| Wells-Fargo Ex | 89 | Ft. Wayne | 101⅜ |
| American Ex | 55 | Terre Haute | 2¾ |
| United States Ex | 53¼ | Do. preferred | 15 |
| Mariposa | 8⅛ | Chicago & Alton | 99¼ |
| Do. preferred | 8⅛ | Do. preferred | 108 |
| New York Central* | 104⅞ | Ohio & Mississippi | 5⅛ |
| Erie | 9⅞ | Del. & Lack | 70⅞ |
| Do. preferred | 15 | Atlantic & P. Tel | 14¾ |
| Harlem* | 135¼ | Missouri Pacific | 3 |
| Do. preferred | 133 | Atlantic & P. pref | 2 |
| Michigan Central | 45⅞ | Indiana Central | 2½ |
| Panama | 126 | Bur. & Quincy | 114 |
| Lake Shore | 59⅝ | Hannibal & St. Joe | 12½ |
| Illinois Central | 67⅛ | Union Pac. stock | 60 |
| Cleve. and Pitts | 89¼ | Central Pac. bonds | 108⅛ |
| Northwestern | 35 | Union Pac. bonds | 108⅝ |
| Do. preferred | 57⅝ | Do. land grants | 100⅛ |
| C., C., C. & I | 37 | Do. S. F. bonds | 91⅛ |
| N. J. Central | 35 | | |

*Ex-dividend.

GOVERNMENTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. coupons, 1881 | 116⅛ | New 5's | 111⅛ |
| 5-20's, 1865 | 109⅛ | New 4½'s | 108⅛ |
| 5-20's, 1865, new | 112⅛ | 10-40's, registered | 112⅛ |
| 5-20's, 1867 | 115⅛ | 10-40's, coupons | 112⅝ |
| 5-20's, 1868 | 117⅛ | Currency 6's | 121⅛ |

STATE BONDS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tennessee, old | 40¼ | Virginia, old | 29 |
| Tennessee, new | 40 | Missouri 6's | 107¼ |
| Virginia, new | 29 | | |

LONDON, December 16, 5 P. M.—The steamer Russia, which sailed to-day, took $100,000 in specie. Consols 93 15-16. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 104¾; do. 1865, 107½; 10-40's 107½; new 5's, 106. Railroad securities—New York Central 96; Erie 9¼; preferred 18.

PARIS, December 16.—Rentes 104 francs 65 centimes.

FRANKFORT, December 16.—United States bonds—New 5's 101¾.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Gold 108¼@108¾. Sight exchange on New York ¼ per cent. discount. Sterling exchange 517.

## GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SUNDAY, December 16, 1876.

A rather quiet but steady feeling prevails in wholesale commercial circles, and business to-day was devoid of violent fluctuations or marked features of any especial character. In grain the firmness of prices previously noted, is still prominent and we note slightly advanced quotations on wheat, corn and rye. Flour is also quite firm tending upward, though not materially higher in value. Country produce continues quiet and unchanged. Provisions are also rather quiet and we note reductions on hams and lard. Groceries are slightly improved in activity with coffees and sugars firm and higher. Petroleum continues to react slightly from the strong upward movement made during the early part of the week and fell off a little to-day.

The Chicago *Tribune* notes a curious state of affairs in the provision trade in that city at present, as follows:

> The most singular feature of the provision trade is the fact that this city is drawing several thousand hogs every day from points to the eastward of Chicago. Places near Cleveland, Detroit and Cincinnati are regularly sending their hogs here, because it pays them better to do so. The reason is that the immense speculative demand for product here has forced up prices, chiefly on mess pork, to a much higher point than other places, and this warrants the paying of better prices for the raw material. The present tendency of things is, therefore, to pile up big stocks of pork here to be carried through the winter, as other places are just now supplying consumers at lower figures. Yesterday Chicago was relatively 50c per barrel above Detroit and Cincinnati, and actually on a level with New York.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce in this city since our last are as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 1,485 | Apples, bbls | 24 |
| Corn, bus | 525 | Cheese, bxs | 188 |
| Wheat, bus | 720 | Butter, pkgs | 78 |
| Barley, bus | 2,700 | Bacon, pc | 3,750 |
| Rye, bus | 800 | Bacon, tcs | 60 |
| Oats, bus | 2,175 | Potatoes, bus | 225 |
| Hay, bales | 173 | | |

The receipts of the leading articles of produce in this city during the week ending to-day, compared with the corresponding receipts for the three preceding weeks, are as follows:

| Week ending | Nov. 25 | Dec. 2. | Dec. 9. | Dec. 16. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 10,389 | 7,522 | 7,898 | 8,379 |
| Apples, bbls | 1,739 | 1,580 | 954 | 155 |
| Cheese, bxs | 1,230 | 1,486 | 1,349 | 336 |
| Corn, bus | 9,504 | 8,007 | 8,401 | 7,235 |
| Wheat, bus | 5,928 | 6,455 | 5,120 | 3,960 |
| Barley, bus | 3,266 | 5,015 | 5,600 | 7,670 |
| Rye, bus | 1,275 | 3,225 | 6,420 | 2,302 |
| Oats, bus | 13,930 | 15,280 | 14,515 | 12,004 |
| Butter, pkgs | 350 | 417 | 519 | 453 |
| Bacon, pcs | 1,494 | 6,342 | 17,974 | 15,796 |
| Bacon, tcs | 276 | 325 | 109 | 110 |
| Potatoes, bus | 5,534 | 8,568 | 2,620 | 299 |
| Hay, bales | 1,087 | 1,840 | 973 | 903 |

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

### Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The grain market remains generally quiet, though there has been a slight advance in some articles. Wheat is quoted as follows: Prime Ohio and Pennsylvania red at $1 40@1 43 per bushel; amber do (actual sale) $1 45; white $1 45@1 50. Corn is in good demand, and sells readily. We quote old shelled at 55@57c per bushel for prime yellow and high mixed; new ear is in demand at 53@55c; prime new shelled 54@56c. Oats remain at nearly former quotations. We quote prime white at 40@41c per bushel; mixed 38@39c. Rye is in moderate supply and quoted at 75@80c. Barley is quiet and is quoted at 75@80c for good to prime spring; prime fall $1 05@1 10. Jobbing sales at the usual advance. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports and in transit by rail, was as follows at the undermentioned dates:

| | Wheat, bush. | Corn, bush. | Oats, bush. | Barley, bush. | Rye, bush. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 9, '76 | 10,396,443 | 6,650,314 | 2,952,173 | 4,397,701 | 515,696 |
| Dec. 2, '76 | 9,875,956 | 6,831,197 | 2,767,104 | 4,032,286 | 597,245 |
| Nov 25, '76 | 10,382,482 | 6,950,163 | 2,964,076 | 4,552,554 | 676,055 |
| Nov 18, '76 | 11,337,044 | 7,905,362 | 3,024,498 | 4,869,697 | 805,464 |
| Nov 11, '76 | 11,526,601 | 8,781,582 | 3,119,475 | 4,610,993 | 842,992 |
| Nov. 4, '76 | 11,274,298 | 9,651,153 | 3,306,306 | 4,206,891 | 916,636 |
| Oct. 28, '76 | 10,966,195 | 10,101,541 | 3,390,541 | 3,546,192 | 852,537 |
| Dec. 11, '75 | 16,585,389 | 3,049,933 | 3,567,677 | 2,632,067 | 468,249 |
| Dec. 12, '74 | 12,138,943 | 3,830,152 | 2,671,469 | 2,476,141 | 294,160 |

FLOUR—Is in fair demand for the season, and prices are but slightly changed. Local millers give their wholesale prices as follows: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 35@7 50 ⅌ barrel; No. 1 amber do $7 00@7 25; prime red wheat flour $6 50@6 75; in sacks 25c less ⅌ barrel. The jobbing prices of the leading dealers for standard brands are as below: Choice brands of red winter wheat flour $6 50@6 75; white wheat flour $7 25@7 50; Wisconsin is quoted at $6 00@6 25; Minnesota $6 75@7 00; fancy St. Louis $8 50@9 00; choice patents $9 00@9 25; Graham flour $6 50@6 75; cornmeal 70c ⅌ bushel; oatmeal $6 75 ⅌ barrel; kegs $3 75; rye flour $4 25@4 50 ⅌ barrel.

HAY—The market is dull and prices remain substantially unchanged. We quote loose from wagon at $12 00@16 00 ⅌ ton. Baled from first hands $11 00@14 00 as to quality and condition. Prairie—Upland $10 00@12 00; mixed $9 00@10 00.

### Country Produce.

APPLES—There is a moderate demand for prime stock and a fair trade is done, but there is no change in prices to be noted. We quote at 75c@$1 25 ⅌ bbl for common; $1 25@1 50 for prime.

APPLE BUTTER—Is dull and nominal at 30@35c ⅌ gallon.

BEESWAX—Is in fair demand at 30@35c ⅌ lb.

BEANS—The market is good and prices steady. Prime white navy are quoted at $1 75@2 00 per bushel, and some stock remain at $2 25.

BROOM-CORN—Previous remarks and quotations apply. There is a fair demand for small lots, but sales of car loads can hardly be made except at a sacrifice. Prices are unchanged. We quote choice hurl at 6@7c, as to quality; brush that will work up 5@5½c; medium green 4@4½c; red-topped 3@4c; inferior not wanted at any price; crooked in fair demand at about 33 per cent. off from the prices given, according to quality.

BUTTER—The market continues to be characterized by the strong demand for the choice and fancy qualities of gilt-edged table butter, which are firm and in rather light supply. On the other hand, the overstock of common and medium grades is still noticeable, and prices on these qualities are weak and depressed. Creamery is selling at 28@30c. We quote prime to choice solid packed 15@19c; do roll 20@22c; choice dairyrolls 24@26 per lb.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is moderately active and steady. We quote at $3 75@4 00 per cwt. for prime quality.

CHEESE—There is no change from quotations last given, the market still being quiet and firm. We quote prime Ohio factory at 14@14½c in round lots; jobbing at 14½@15c. New York Goshen 15c in round lots; 15½@16c in a jobbing way.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is ample and the market is easy. Prices range at $8 00@10 00 ⅌ barrel; $3 25@3 50 ⅌ bushel.

CIDER—The demand is fair and supply liberal. Prices range from $2 50@3 50, barrel included, for common; $4 00@5 00 for extra choice.

DRIED FRUIT—The market is dull and nominal at weak prices. We quote dried apples nominal at 4½@5c ⅌ lb for prime, and 5½@6c for fancy; dried peaches 11@12c; evaporated peaches 35@38c.

DRIED PEAS—There is a good demand for new crop at $1 50@1 75 per bushel.

EGGS—The market is about steady at unchanged prices. Strictly fresh are scarce at 27@28c ⅌ dozen; pickled are in large supply and quoted at 20@22c.

FEATHERS—Choice are quoted at 60@65c in wholesale lots; lower qualities 50@60c.

GAME—There is still a pretty large supply in the market, and no changes in prices. The nearness of the holidays and the recent few cold days may affect prices soon. We quote as follows: Venison—saddles 16@18c ⅌ lb; do hams 18@20c ⅌ lb; whole deer 10@12c ⅌ lb. Quails $1 50@1 75 per dozen. Pheasants $3 00@3 50 per dozen. Prairie fowl $4 00@4 50 per dozen. Rabbits 25@30c per pair.

HONEY—We can report a fair trade demand for new California at 22@23c ⅌ lb; domestic 20c ⅌ lb.

NUTS—Are in good supply and the market is easy. We quote chestnuts at $3 00 ⅌ bushel; walnuts 50c ⅌ bushel; hickory nuts $1 00 ⅌ bushel; shellbarks $1 50@1 75.

ONIONS—The market has been somewhat disturbed, and the quotation now is $1 75@2 00 ⅌ barrel.

POULTRY—The recent cold days have had a stiffening influence on the prices of dressed poultry. There is no change to note in the prices of live chickens. We quote live chickens by the coop at 40@45c ⅌ pair; dressed 11@12c ⅌ lb. Live turkeys 75@95c each; dressed 12@13c ⅌ lb. Ducks 45@50c ⅌ pair; dressed 11@13c ⅌ lb. Geese 9@10c ⅌ lb.

POTATOES—There are no changes reported, and we may give previous quotations: From store at $1 10@1 15 ⅌ for prime peachblows; lower grades 90c@$1 05; prime peachblows $3 25@3 50 ⅌ bbl. Sweet potatoes are out of the market.

VINEGAR—There is a moderate demand at 16@18c ⅌ gallon for prime country stock; 14@15c for best city make.

### Provisions.

The market has undergone no recent changes of special importance and remains about as last reported, the demand being confined to the retail trade.

BACON—The market is steady. Jobbing quotations are as follows: Shoulders 8c ⅌ pound; short rib sides 10¼c; clear sides 10⅝c.

CUT AND CURED MEATS—Hams were easy at 13c ⅌ lb for extra sugar-cured. Breakfast bacon rules easy and we quote sugar-cured at 13½c. Sugar-cured shoulders were steady at 9½c. Dried beef, sugar-cured, was firm at 14½c. Beef tongues, ⅌ dozen, are quoted at $6 50.

LARD—Demand fair and market steady. We quote refined lard in tierces 11¼c ⅌ lb; in half barrels 12c ⅌ lb; in buckets 12½c ⅌ lb; in 3-lb caddies 14¼c ⅌ lb; in 5-lb caddies 14 ⅌ lb; in 3-lb pails 13½c ⅌ lb; in 5-lb pails 14c ⅌ lb; in 6-lb pails [illegible]. Leaf lard rules at 11c in tierces.

LARD OIL—The market is quiet. We quote best make of extra at 85c; No. 1 at 75c ⅌ gallon. No. 2 at 60c; miners' oil, white winter, 58@60c yellow winter, 53@55c.

MESS PORK—Is firm and higher at $18 00 per barrel.

TALLOW—We quote chandlers', city rendered, at 9@9¼c ⅌ lb; country do 7¼@7½c ⅌ lb; rough 5¼@6c ⅌ lb.

### Groceries.

There was a slight increase in the activity of the market, and a noticeable advance in the price of some articles, principally coffees and sugars. The prices-current we give:

| *Green Coffees.* | ⅌ lb. | *Sugars.* | ⅌ lb. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fancy Rio | 24½c | Standard A | 11⅝@11¾c |
| Choice Rio | 23½c | Standard B | 11⅜@11½c |
| Prime Rio | 21½c | Do. extra C | 11¼@11⅜c |
| Good Rio | 20 c | Extra C—yel | 9⅞@10 c |
| Ordinary Rio | 19½c | C—yellow | 9⅝@9¾c |
| Java | 30½c | Franklin, B | 10¼@10½c |
| *Roasted Coffees.* | | New Orleans | 9¼@9¾c |
| Rio, in papers | 26@27 c | Cut Loaf | 13 c |
| 3d grades do | 24@26 c | Crushed | 12½c |
| Rio, in bulk | 22@26½c | Powdered | 12½c |
| Java, in papers | 31 c | Granulated | 12⅝c |
| Java, in bulk | 30½c | *Molasses.* | ⅌ gall. |
| *Teas.* | | Str'y ch. N. O. | 63c |
| YoungHyson | 25c@1 00 | Prime | 57@60c |
| Gunpowder | 35c@ 90 | *Syrups.* | |
| Imperial | 30c@ 90 | Ex. white drips | 64@65c |
| Japan | 25c@ 85 | Sugar drips | 55c |
| Oolong | 25c@ 85 | Lower grades | 25@45c |
| Fancy do | 1 00 | *Starch.* | ⅌ lb |
| Souchong | 28c@ 75 | Pearl | 3¾@4 c |
| *Spices (whole.)* | | Silver gloss | 9¼c |
| Cloves | 45 c | Corn | 7¾@10½c |
| Allspice | 17 c | *Rice.* | |
| Cassia | 30@31 c | Choice Car'la | 6¼@7 c |
| Nutmegs | $1 15 | Patna | 7 @7½c |
| Pepper | 18 c | Rangoon | 7 c |
| *Soaps.* | | Louisiana | 6 c |
| Irish soap, ⅌ box | $4 20 | *Soda.* | |
| S. S. Star, ⅌ box | 5 75 | Bi-carb, in kgs | 4¾@5 c |
| Babbitt's best, ⅌ bx | 6 75 | Bi-carb, in 10-lb pkgs | 5 c |
| Gold do | 6 25 | Bi-carb, in lb papers | 6½c |
| Extra olive do | 3 80 | *Candles.* | |
| Do. N. Y. City, ⅌ lb | 9 c | Star, full w't | 16 c |
| German mottled do | 7½c | Stearine | 11@13 c |
| California, ⅌ box | $4 20 | Mould | 10@10½c |

FISH—The market is moderately active with a fair demand and unchanged prices. Quotations are as follows:

| | Per bbl. | | Per bbl. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Extra No. 1 Mess mackerel | $27 00 | Round herring | $6 00 |
| Extra No. 1 shore | 20 00 | Split Labrador do | 7 50 |
| Extra No. 1 bay | 17 00 | Lake Pick., hf-bbls | 3 50 |
| Extra No. 2 large | 12 00 | Lake Herring, do. | 2 25 |
| No. 2 medium | 11 50 | L'ge Georges codfish, ⅌ lb | 6 |
| Large No. 3 | 11 00 | Medium Georges | 5¼ |
| No. 3 medium | 8 50 | Halibut, ⅌ lb | 12½ |
| Whitefish, hf-bbls | 5 00 | No. 1 Herring, ⅌ bx | 35 |
| Lake Trout, do | 4 50 | Scaled herring do | 40 |

FOREIGN FRUITS—There is a moderate trade. We quote as follows: Raisins—Layers new, per box, $2 25; London layers new, $3 25; Muscatel $2 50; mat raisins $5 25 ⅌ mat; Valentias, new, 10½c ⅌ lb; Sultanas 17c. Dates 8@8½c ⅌ lb. Currants 7½c. Citron 30c. Prunes 6½c. Almonds—Languedoc 23c; do shelled 38c; do Princess 37c; do Jordan 55c, do Ivica 22c. Walnuts—Naples 20c; Marbot 15c; Sicily filberts 16c. Smyrna figs, new, 18c. Brazil nuts 10c. Maccaroni 11@18c. Tapioca 10c. Lemons—Palermo, ⅌ box, $5 00. Oranges—Florida $3 50 ⅌ hundred. Cocoanuts $7 50 ⅌ hundred.

CANNED GOODS—Trade is fair at unchanged quotations. We quote green peas, 2 lb cans per doz, $2 25; raspberries do $2 00; strawberries do $1 75; gooseberries do $1 30; pineapples do $2 20; blackberries do, $1 50; peaches, 3 lb cans per doz, $2 25; tomatoes do, $2 00; pickles, bbls, $8 50; half-bbls, $5 00.

### Petroleum—Weekly Review.

December 16.—The following are the receipts of crude for the past week, by pipe line and railroad, with a comparison table for previous years; also, the exports of refined eastward by the various railroads:

| | Rec'pts crude rail bbls. | Exp'ts Penn'a R. R. bbls. | Exp'ts Al. Val. R. R. bbls. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday, December 11 | 4,947 | ........ | 4,339 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 12 | 3,479 | ........ | 4,97 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 13 | 1,600 | ........ | 3,37 |
| Thursday, Dec. 14 | 3,738 | ........ | 2,37 |
| Friday, Dec. 15 | 3,622 | ........ | 2,96 |
| Saturday, Dec. 16 | 6,169 | ........ | 4,37 |
| Total for week | 23,582 | | 22,399 |
| Since January 1 | 1,621,976 | 1,250 | 781,117 |
| To December 16, 1876 | 1,645,558 | | 803,516 |
| Same time 1875 | 1,103,133 | 28,711 | 629,414 |
| Same time 1874 | 1,501,695 | 116,052 | 743,812 |
| Same time 1873 | 1,933,358 | 91,054 | 762,732 |
| Same time 1872 | 1,169,369 | 130,503 | 611,804 |
| Same time 1871 | 1,129,673 | 100,739 | 612,307 |
| Same time 1870 | 1,098,772 | 187,400 | 609,525 |
| Same time 1869 | 961,139 | 141,453 | 422,340 |
| Same time 1868 | 1,049,883 | 175,573 | 467,340 |

BUSINESS—The oil market during the week has been one of unusual excitement, the rates of refined being the highest that have ruled for a long time, particularly for spot oil. This was the situation for most of the week. On Friday and Saturday prices weakened but were not quotably lower. The stock of spot oil has been materially reduced. This fact has strengthened the confidence of holders and caused them to exhibit more hope than usual. January and February delivery are fully 2c per gallon below spot. The exports continue liberal. The crude market has varied almost hourly. Prices, however, gave way and holders were disposed to accept lower prices. The receipts were larger than the previous week.

The following are the sales and resales of petroleum in the oil regions for the past week:

| | Bbls. | | Bbls. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | 63,000 | Thursday | 95,000 |
| Tuesday | 65,000 | Friday | 67,000 |
| Wednesday | 49,600 | Saturday | 49,000 |
| Total for week | | | 388,000 |
| Last week | | | 308,000 |

CRUDE RECEIPTS—The following are the crude receipts for the past two weeks:

| | Last week. | This week. |
|---|---|---|
| Crude received, barrels | 17,082 | 23,582 |

The following are the crude receipts from all points for the past twelve years, from January 1 to

| | Barrels. |
|---|---|
| December 16, 1876 | 1,645,558 |
| Same time 1875 | 1,103,133 |
| Same time 1874 | 1,501,695 |
| Same time 1873 | 1,933,358 |
| Same time 1872 | 1,169,369 |
| Same time 1871 | 1,129,673 |
| Same time 1870 | 1,098,772 |
| Same time 1869 | 961,139 |
| Same time 1868 | 1,049,883 |
| Same time 1867 | 715,638 |
| Same time 1866 | 1,219,011 |
| Same time 1865 | 621,388 |

EXPORTS OF REFINED—The following are the exports of refined oil East by the various routes for the past two weeks:

| | Last week. | This week. |
|---|---|---|
| Allegheny Valley R. R | 41,046 | 22,399 |

The following are the exports of refined oil East by the various routes for the past five years, from January 1 to December 16:

| | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | 1875. | 1876. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P. R. R | 130,503 | 91,054 | 116,952 | 28,711 | 1,250 |
| A. V. R. R | 611,804 | 762,732 | 743,312 | 629,414 | 803,516 |
| Total | 742,307 | 853,786 | 860,264 | 658,125 | 804,766 |

| | |
|---|---|
| By river to Richmond | 128,000 |
| By P. & C. R. R | 55,626 |

SATURDAY.

CRUDE—The market was decidedly firm and excited. During the early part of the week the opening price for Conduit and United was $3 95; Union 7½@10c less. On Tuesday prices advanced to $4 10@4 12½, and on Wednesday they further advanced to $4 20@4 23¾. On Thursday a decline was established with sales at $3 97½@4 00 and on Friday a further decline occurred with sales at $3 75@3 82½ for Conduit and United; Union 10c less.

REFINED—The market was a firm one, ruling in favor of refiners, with sales to the home trade at 28@28½c, and round lots at 27@27½c. These rates were maintained until Friday, when a decline of ½c was established. Futures were fully 10c per gallon below spot.

OIL BARRELS—Market firm with a further advance of 10c on city make; no country lots offering.

PARKERS, December 16, 5:50 P. M.—The crude oil market has fluctuated to-day between $3 75 and 3 83¼, Conduit and United opening at $3 75, advanced to $3 82¼, then reacted to $3 76¼, remaining until afternoon about that figure. When the banks closed they again advanced, touching $3 81⅜, and may now be quoted at $3 80. Shipment quiet at about 5c over certificates Union 10c below Conduit and United. Shipments from the lower district Friday 32,661 barrels.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, December 16, closing 15.—There is a little irregularity at present; exporters are not inclined to operate while the creek markets are dull. The offerings to sell for near by delivery are small, but the February deliveries are more in buyers' favor. The prices for New York deliveries are: Crude in bulk 16c; in barrels 19c; city naptha 14½c in shipping order; refined in barrels 32c for late December; 30c for January, and 27½c for February; cases 35@37c. At Philadelphia and Baltimore refined rules at 31c for December; 29½c for January, and 27c for February.

PARKERS, December 16.—Market dull and quiet; $3 80 bid; shipment about $3 90.

OIL CITY, December 16.—Market dead; nominally $3 89¼; immediate shipment nominally $3 90.

TITUSVILLE, December 16.—Not quoted.

ROUSEVILLE, December 16.—Market quiet but steady; nothing doing; quoted about $3 75@3 77½.

TIDIOUTE, December 16.—Market dull; held at about $3 82¼.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—Market quiet but steady; standard white 31c for December delivery.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, December 16.—Petroleum quiet; crude 16c; refined 32c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—Petroleum firm; crude in barrels 18@18¼c; refined 29¼c.

CLEVELAND, December 16.—Petroleum unchanged; standard white, 110 degrees test, 27c.

LIVERPOOL, December 16.—Refined petroleum 24½@25d; spirits do 13¼d.

LONDON, December 16.—Spirits of petroleum 18@19d.

ANTWERP, December 16.—Refined petroleum 82¼ francs.

MOVEMENTS OF PETROLEUM.

| | Barrels |
|---|---|
| Crude receipts, A. V. R. R | 3,887 |
| Refined shipments, A. V. R. R | 2,657 |

## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

### Produce.

CHICAGO, December 16.—Flour quiet but steady; Western extra $4 50@6 50; Minnesota $5 50@7 00. Wheat fairly active and a shade higher; $1 18½@1 18¾ cash; $1 17¾ January; $1 20¼ February; No. 3 $1 08@1 08½; rejected 93½@95c. Corn quiet; 45½c cash; 44½c January and February. Oats quiet; 33½c cash; 34c February. Rye quiet at 70½c. Barley firmer at 65¼. Pork unsettled but generally higher: $16 55 cash; $16 72½@16 75 February; $17 [illegible] March. Lard active; 10¼@10.27½c cash; 10 32½@10.35c January; 10.45@10.47½c February. Bulkmeats quiet at 5⅞@6@8¼@8⅝c. Whisky $1 08.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Flour dull; receipts 9,506 barrels. Wheat dull; receipts 68,000 bushels: No. 1 Milwaukee $1 37; No. 2 $1 35@1 36; No. 3 $1 26; No. 2 Chicago spring $1 33@1 34; fancy amber Indiana $1 50. Rye declining; Western 80@82c. Barley lower; No. 1 bay $1 10. Corn steady; receipts 19,000 bushels; mixed, new, no grade, 56@56½c; mixed, on steamer, new, 58c. Oats quiet; receipts 19,000 bushels; Western mixed and State 35@49c. Hay firm; shipping 60@65. Hops—Yearlings 12@30c. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes 17@20½c. Sugar quiet. Molasses and rice firm. Rosin firm. Turpentine firmer at 44c. Eggs—Western 28@29c. Wool firm. Pork steady at $17 00. Beef quiet. Middles—Long clear city 9c. Lard dull; prime steam 10.55@10.65c. Butter—Choice firm; others dull and heavy; Western 14@30c. Cheese in good demand at 7@14½c. Whisky quiet at $1 12.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—Cloverseed 14½@16½c. Flour firm; Minnesota family $6 25@6 37½. Wheat dull; amber $1 40@1 42; white $1 40@1 45. Rye—Pennsylvania 77@78c. Corn—On sailer 56@57c; on steamer 52@53c; yellow, old, 58c. Oats neglected at 37@39c. Pork $17 00. Lard 10c. Whisky—Western $1 11. Butter—New York and Bradford county extras 32@33c; do firsts 27@30c; Western extras 24@26c; do firsts 20@22c. Cheese in good demand; Western 13¾@14¼c. Eggs—Western, fresh, 28@30c.

CINCINNATI, December 16.—Cotton quiet and weak at 11¾c. Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat quiet but firm; red $1 30@1 40. Corn firm at 44c. Oats steady at 30@38c. Rye steady and higher at 82c. Barley steady and unchanged. Pork firm; sales at $16 25@16 50. Lard active, firm and higher; steam 10¼@10½c; kettle 11¾c. Bulkmeats firm at 6¼@6⅜@8⅝@8¾c. Bacon dull and nominal. Green meats in fair demand; shoulders 5¼@5⅜c; short ribs 7⅝@7¾c; hams 9@10c. Whisky in good demand at $1 07. Butter firm and unchanged.

TOLEDO, December 16.—Flour dull. Wheat firm; No. 3 white Wabash $1 24¼; extra white Michigan held at $1 43; amber $1 37¼; seller January $1 38¾; seller February $1 40¼; No. 2 amber $1 26¼. Corn steady and higher; high mixed 49c; do new 45¼c; No. 2 49¼c; do new 47c; yellow, new, 45¼c; damaged, new, 41c. Oats dull; No. 2 34½c.

LOUISVILLE, December 16.—Cotton dull and nominal. Flour firm; extra $4 50@5 75; family $5 00@5 50. Wheat dull and nominal. Corn steady at 44c. Rye quiet at 80c. Oats dull; white 40c; mixed 37c. Pork firm at $16 50. Bulkmeats 6¼@6⅝@8⅝@8⅞@8¾c. Lard dull; tierce 10¾c. Whisky firm at $1 06.

MILWAUKEE, December 16.—Flour quiet but steady. Wheat steady, closing firm; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 24; No. 2 $1 19¼; No. 3 $1 10¼. Corn quiet but steady; No. 2, 45¼c. Oats dull; No. 2, 32¼c. Rye steady; No. 1, 70c. Barley firmer; No. 2 spring, December and January, 77c; No. 3 43¼@43¾c.

ST. LOUIS, December 16.—Cotton lower; middling 11⅝c. Flour in good demand. Wheat dull; No. 2 red fall $1 35¼. Oats dull at 32c. Rye quiet at 71c. Barley firm and unchanged. Pork steady at $16 50. Lard dull at 10 17½c. Bulkmeats quiet at 6⅛@8⅛@8⅛c. Bacon dull at 7¼@8¾@9¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Flour firm; superfine $5 25; double extra $5 75; treble do $6 00@6 75. Corn firm. Sugar dull; inferior 5@6¼c; fair to fully fair 7¼@7¾c; centrifugal 8¼@8¾c. Molasses quiet; common 35@40c; centrifugal 30@43c. Whisky dull at $1 10@1 12.

LIVERPOOL, December 16.—California white wheat average 10s 9d@11s 1d; do club 10s 11d@11s 5d; red Western spring, Nos. 2 to 1, 9s 8d@10s 4d; winter 10s@10s 3d. Corn 26¾@27s. Oats 3s@3¼s. Barley 3¼s. Flour 23@25s. Pork 68s. Cloverseed 50@55s.

OSWEGO, December 16.—Wheat unchanged. Corn steady; Western mixed 58c. Barley dull; No. 2 Canada $1 00; No. 1 do. $1 08.

### Live Stock.

CHICAGO, December 16.—Cattle—Receipts 880 head. Shipments 2,000 head. Market dull and nominally unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts 9,000 head. Shipments 1,270 head. Stock scarce and active, and 5@10c higher for good; light bacon $5 35@5 55; common to good $5 60@5 80; choice to extra packing $5 95@6 15.

Sheep—Receipts 340 head. Market quiet; sales at $3 50@6 25.

ST. LOUIS, December 16.—Hogs steady; common to medium $5 55@5 65; fair to good $5 70@5 85.

Cattle—Quiet; fancy steers $5 00; prime $4 50; good $3 87½@4 37½.

CINCINNATI, December 16.—Hogs quiet; common $5 00@5 50; fair to good light $5 60@5 80; packing $5 75@5 90; heavy $5 95@6 05.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 16.—Hogs firm at $5 50@5 70. Receipts 3,300 head. Shipments 360 head.

### Cotton.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Cotton firm at 12⅜@12 5-16c. Futures closed easy; December 12 5-16@12 7-32c; January 12 7-32@12 5-16c; February 12 17-32@12 9-16c; March 12¾@12 25-32c.

LIVERPOOL, December 16.—Cotton dull and easier at 6⅞@6 11-16d. Sales of 5,000 bales, including 1,000 for speculation and export and 3,060 American.

SAVANNAH, December 16.—Market dull; middling 11⅝c. Mobile—Market quiet; middling 11⅜c. Galveston—Market weak; middling 11⅛c. Charleston—Market quiet; middling 11⅝@11¾c.

### Wool.

BOSTON, December 16.—Market steady and firm. Sales of 126,000 lbs Ohio and Pennsylvania; choice Pennsylvania double extra and above 50@54c; double extra Ohio 47@48c; market firm at these figures. In Michigan and Wisconsin very little was done; sales ranging at 39@41c. Combing and delaine firm; sales of 137,000 lbs; choice medium combing 55c; low grades 44@46c. Pulled quiet; sales of 77,600 lbs; good extra, choice and super double extra 40@46c.

### Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The cotton goods market improved to-day and prices were strong with an upward tendency on all leading makes. Prints less active but steady. Men's wear woolens in fair request by clothiers, but demand limited. Jeans and satinets continue quiet. Flannels and blankets rather more active, but selections small.

### Iron.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Manufactured copper dull and heavy; ingot lake dull at 19¾@19¾c. Pig iron—Scotch quiet at $26 00@29 00; American dull and heavy at $18 00@21 00. Russia sheeting 11c, gold. Nails unchanged.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

### MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brittanic | December 16 | Liverpool. |
| France | December 16 | Havre. |
| Spain | December 16 | Liverpool. |
| Weser | December 16 | Bremen. |
| Ethiopia | December 16 | Glasgow. |
| Elysia | December 16 | London. |
| Somerset | December 16 | Bristol. |
| Wisconsin | December 19 | Liverpool. |
| Batavia | December 20 | Liverpool. |
| Wm. A. Schalten | December 21 | Rot'erd'm |
| Gellert | December 21 | Hamburg. |
| State of Georgia | December 21 | Glasgow. |
| City of Berlin | December 23 | Liverpool. |
| England | December 23 | London. |
| Rhein | December 23 | Bremen. |
| Colombo | December 23 | Hull. |
| Victoria | December 23 | Glasgow. |
| Abyssinia | December 27 | Liverpool. |
| Pommerania | December 28 | Hamburg. |
| Celtic | December 30 | Liverpool. |
| Labrador | December 30 | Havre. |
| FROM PHILADELPHIA. | | |
| Pennsylvania | December 24 | Liverpool. |
| City of New York | December 28 | Liverpool. |
| Vaderland | December 29 | Antwerp. |
| FROM BOSTON. | | |
| Marathon | December 16 | Liverpool |
| Siberia | December 23 | Liverpool |
| Hecla | December 30 | Liverpool |

## RIVER TELEGRAMS.

### SPECIAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., December 17, 1876.

River 3 feet 2 inches and still closed. Thermometer 30.

GREENSBORO, PA., December 17, 1876.

River closed with ice. Weather clear.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 17, 1876.

River rising slowly; 6 feet 2 inches. Weather cloudy; thermometer 26 at 4 P. M.

For Additional Dispatches see Fourth Page

## RIVER NEWS.

THE harborboat Elon G. Smith is offered for sale at St. Louis.

CINCINNATI—Wharfage receipts for the week amounted to $59 80.

THE ice in Kanawha gave way. That stream is running full of floating ice.

THE steamer Thomas Sherlock is reported hard aground nine miles below Memphis.

THE steamer Tinnie Baker will be sold by the Marshal at New Orleans the first Monday in January.

THE Greyhound got part of her tow of coal to Memphis and went back to Osceola after the remainder.

THE City of Portsmouth is reported lying high and dry near California Landing, 400 feet from the water's edge.

THE latest accounts from the Centennial say she appears to have broken in two. This boat was formerly the Tom Jasper.

THE late Cheek Line steamers are to be placed in charge of the Sheriff. Claims to the amount of $50,000 have been filed against them.

RIVER matters unchanged; plenty of ice and low water is the rule at present. Never mind; there will be a change some of these days, when trade will open up lively.

THE Oostanaula river, in North Georgia, has been frozen over for the first time in several years. The Coosa river, below Rome, Georgia, is lower than it has been since 1855.

ED. OUTLAW and Stanley Ryland, of Arkansas City, have reshipped 16,000 bales of cotton this season. Stanley uses the best gold pen and prettiest lantern on the Mississippi.

THE Tom Means and her three barges were forced on the bank at the ore pile and are apparently safe. Captain Kirker worked hard with them and is unloading the ore from the barges.

THE Cincinnati *Enquirer* says: We regret to learn of the serious illness of Captain Mart. R. Fisher, who is confined to his residence on Walnut Hills from inflammation of the stomach.

THE Cincinnati *Gazette* says: Underwriters will not yet permit steamers to leave port for points below Madison. The Calumet, with 400 tons, and the Alex. Kendall, with 250 tons, are, therefore, still detained in port, but will leave as advertised.

THE Gallipolis *Bulletin* says that the officers of the West Virginia think hard of the Ohio No. 4. for not coming to her relief when signaled and taking off her passengers, as it was owing to having gone to her assistance that she met with the accident.

THE wages of laborers in the St. Croix river pineries range about as follows: Common laborers, $15 to $26 per month; choppers, $26 to $30; cooks, $30 to $40. At these figures about 2,100 men will find employment this winter, and there are doubtless many who would be glad to find work at even less wages.

THE Memphis *Avalanche* of the 13th says: Pilots report but little if any more than six and a half feet on the bar above here. The wreck of the old gunboat Beauregard, formerly the ocean bark Mary Kingsland, down behind President Island, a short distance below here, is now about eighteen inches out of water. This indicates a much lower stage than has prevailed at any time this season.

WALTER writes: Captain Haney, of the Mollie Moore, was very glad to get his boat out of the ice, and while she was receiving cargo last evening, entertained the boys on the wharfboat by a few incidents of his Indian experience. He has seen Sitting Bull several times, and says he looks very much like Commodore R. K. Riley, being very heavy set. The John Gilmore arrived at Cairo, and is waiting for the ice to clear out to St. Louis.

THE cakes donated by the steamboatmen to the Orphans' Home, Memphis, were raffled last Monday. The cake donated by Captain Thorwegan, of the steamer Grand Republic, was won by Mrs. R. C. Brinkley, who held ticket number ninety-four. The second prize, a cake donated by Captain Miller, of the Thompson Dean, was won by Miss Mary T. Radcliffe, who held ticket number thirty-three. The third prize, a cake donated by Captain Vinton, of the steamer Andy Baum, was won by Mrs. Napoleon Hill, who held ticket number one hundred and seventy-nine.

### Steamers Built in Cincinnati in 1853.

| Name. | Tonnage. | Name. | Tonnage. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charlie West | 286 | Joseph Landis | 377 |
| Champion | 158 | Jas. Raymond | 294 |
| Duke | 348 | Jacob Strader | 906 |
| Duchess | 225 | Madison | 399 |
| Dick Keyser | 369 | Mediator | — |
| David Gibson | — | Natchez | 699 |
| Flag | 283 | Northerner | 400 |
| Gazelle | 38 | N. W. Thomas | 419 |
| Glendale | 394 | Telegraph No. 3 | 750 |
| Henry Chouteau | 623 | Uncle Sam | 261 |
| Henry Lewis | — | J. D. Early | 348 |

The largest steamer in the above list was the famous Jacob Strader, of the United States Mail Line of Cincinnati and Louisville packets, one of the fastest steamers of her day. Her machinery subsequently was put in the Louisville and New Orleans packet Richmond, which steamer was dismantled at St. Louis in August, 1874. The machinery is now owned in St. Louis, is in good condition, and will doubtless do excellent service in another fine craft.

### Obituary.

The remains of the late Captain Daniel McAleer were consigned to the grave at Pittsburgh on the 9th inst. The news of his death was a sad surprise to us, for it seemed but a little while since we saw him here, and he was then in the full vigor of life, and his warm heart was alive to his usually good spirits. Poor Danny! Many the pleasant hour and jolly conversation we have had together. Many a good-natured joke has passed between us, and many a cheerful meeting and friendly parting have been ours. But he is gone now. Peace to his ashes! It is to his bereaved wife and sorrow-stricken loved ones that we extend our heartfelt sympathies, and trust that "Danny" has gone that road which leads all Christians home, where families and friends are reunited and there is a separation no more forever.

The white-winged messenger of Death
Came stalking through the land,
And paused not 'til it met poor Dan
And took him by the hand.
He bade his family, friends, "good-bye!"
And parted with a tear;
And angels looked and said, "Here comes
Good Danny McAleer."

—*Louisville Courier-Journal*

### The Jetties.

[From the New York Bulletin.]

Whenever a public enterprise to accelerate and cheapen the movement of merchandise holds out a promise of success, it is found to be almost invariably opposed to some private interest, or by monopolies or corporations that previously had things their own way, and that could charge for transportation such terms as they arbitrarily chose to impose. All manner of expedients are resorted to, for the purpose of breaking down the new improvement, whatever it may be, and when those fail, as they most always do, the promoters and supporters of the new enterprise are fortunate if they are not personally assailed. It looks as if Captain Eads and his Mississippi jetties were to be no exception. The success of the jetty system being beyond question, the towboat owners appear to have gone to work now to see if they cannot excite a prejudice against it. For years the large capital invested in the towboat business, we are informed, has realized immense dividends, while depressed trade has had heavy burdens imposed on it to meet them. Notwithstanding this opposition, however, Louisiana and the South are to have cheaper transportation as a result of the success of the jetties, which is now positively assured. As a final means to retain their large dividends, the boat-owners are about to present a memorial to the Government asking a removal of an obstruction which, they allege, will eventually so block up the Southwest Pass as to ultimately render it unnavigable. This obstruction, as they call it, it would seem, is nothing less than the South Pass. South Pass is anything but "an obstruction" at this moment; and as for its ultimately proving such, we are assured there is no present likelihood. The reverse of this is rather indicated, and very clearly, by the New Orleans *Times*, which describes the present condition and workings of the two passes as follows:

> The head of the Southwest Pass adjoins South Pass, and upon its western shore this curtain was placed. The stream here measures 2,700 feet in width, with shoal water on both sides, there being a middle ground 900 feet in width, with a depth varying from twenty-five to thirty-one feet used by ships. The projection extended to the edge of deep water, leaving the wide space alluded to and heretofore traversed by every vessel coming in or going out of the pass unmolested. The effect of this construction, it is said, instantly became apparent. The heads of both passes deepened. Southwest Pass being deeper already, scoured proportionately fast, but in South Pass a twelve-foot bottom quickly deepened to sixteen feet, and then to seventeen. The bottom between the jetties, however, scoured much faster than it did at the head of the pass, and to facilitate the work a channel eighteen feet deep, thirty feet wide, and 1,600 feet long was dug out by dredges. The boats have already traversed this channel and are now running another parallel to it. The current in the meantime has increased the depth to nineteen feet.

A more satisfactory assurance of the complete success of both passes could not be had; and in the interest of the Gulf trade we join our New Orleans contemporary in repelling the unjust assertions of the opponents of the jetty. The success of the enterprise takes a considerable amount of money out of the pockets of the towboat people (who can well afford it) and places the same in the hands of the struggling merchants. More than this, it must accelerate general trade, as every dollar thus saved in the expense of transporting goods necessarily adds to the commercial advantages of all the ports affected.

## RECEIPTS OF MERCHANDISE.

### Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway.

Jos Horne & Co, 3 sks flannel; W P Townsend, 22 pkgs rivets; G Blaney, 44 sks oats; H Schenback, 210 do; N J Braden, 67 bxs cheese; A McClurg & Co, 7 bdls sks; Jno White, Jr, & Son, 2 bbls beans; Voigt, M & Co, 21 bxs butter; Jas Harrison, 100 sks rags; J P Hanna, 23 d hogs; McElroy & Co, 49 sks eggs; Elkins & Flack, 71 bbls eggs; J H Loh, 5 bbls eggs; B H Voskamp & Co, 160 bbls flour; J H Otram & Co, 400 sks do; Wm Flaccus & Son, 29 bdls hides; Wm Haslage, 25 bbls flour; Dilworth Bros, 40 cases tobacco; Luebbe Bros, 15 cases do; Geo Heap & Bro, 12 sks flour, lot sundries; J Harrison, 31 sks rags; Watt, Lang & Co, 330 bbls flour; T C Jenkins, 210 do do, 135 cases lard; J H Lippincott, 162 cans honey, 167 sks beans; Peabody, Hugus & Co, 110 do flour; W B Hays, 100 cases lard; E H Myers, 2,590 pcs meat; D B Moore, 1 car heading; S McCance, 227 sks oats, Kiel & Richart, 126 bags feed, 98 do oats.

ELEVATOR—M Gisal, 1 car oats; Marshall, Kennedys & Co, 5 do wheat; W J Meek, 1 do rye; P G Stewart, 1 do oats.

### Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway.

A Stockner, 1 tc hams, 1 hf-bbl s ribs, 1 kg lard; Adler & R, 10 bbls whisky; S Klinordlinger, 5 bbls do; A Klinordlinger, 5 bbls do; R Dickey & Co, 25 bbls oranges; M Steel, 100 sks meal; Steel, T & Co, 1 bbl poultry; W T Jones, 1 bbl j oil; S & J Schleline, 12 sks corn; A McClure & Co, 6 bdls p bgs; Head, C & Co, 2 bbls poultry; J Rhodes, 4 empt bbls; J Dunlap, 1 bx c scrap; P McAllister, 14 sks potatoes; Pickering, G & Co, 120 sks flour; L Hipley, 22 sks potatoes; Wilbert & W, 2 tubs butter; P McAllister, 37 sks potatoes; McCallister, G & Co, 24 bgs do; W H Fredericks, 50 sks do, 11 do onions; R Rae, 1 car middings; J H Loh & Co, 1 bx butter, 2 bbls h nuts; Davis, C & Co, 250 pig lead; C J Heldmyer, 1 bx brackets; Pretzfield Bros, 12 pails tobacco; W D Rinehart, 1 hhd do, 1 bx samples; C A Warmcastle, 1 car staves; G T Shade, 1 car staves and headings; C Albright, 1 car staves; R Dickey & Co, 7 bgs feathers; T Hare & Bro, 3 sts wheels; H M Scott, 200 bgs malt; Watt, L & Co, 6 bales b corn; Caskey, B & Co, 7 tbs butter; F W Jenkins & Bro, 100 sks meal; M W Rankin & Bro, 1 bx poultry, 1 do butter; D G Stewart, 1 car b bran; Aug Depp, 1 car staves; Fred Kober, 1 do do; D G Stewart, 1 do corn; H J McCracken & Bro, 1 do b hay; Reymer, B & Co, 100 bbls oil; Watt, L & Co, 94 bales b corn; F W Jenkins & Bro, 100 bbls flour.

### Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad.

Lockhart & Frew, 14 bxs o bbls; S & W H Martins, 1 do lumber; S B Thompson, [illegible] 2 do hdg cars; Laing & McK, 1 car oats; C W Gerwig, 1 do corn; W H Lemon, 10 bdls chairs; J D Rogers, 1 d hog; J Newell, 2 bbls apples, 4 crks butter; Head, Carson & Co, 12 bxs cheese; W J Meek, 24 bgs rye; J H Loh & Co, 8 kgs lard; Summer Bros & Co, 1 crock butter; Head, C & Co, 11 tubs do; Elwood & McC, 37 sks rye, 2 bbls apples; W E Schmertz, 1 bx shoes; Wm France & Son, 7 bbls o meal, 3 do barley; R Jennings, 2 bbls oil; C P Deich, 1 can lard; Head & McElroy, 2 bbls eggs; Z W Hatly, 46 pkgs furniture; R Rothsmond & Co, 10 do; F G Welse, 1 bunch; cane; G W Backofen, 1 cs mdse; C C Baer, 20 pails tobc, 2 bdls do; H Samson, 2 bdls wheels, 1 bx frames; Thos Binney, 1 bxs jig saws; J M Ollenndorf, 1 bx; Scott, W & Co, 6 do boots; Wm Haslege, 25 cse candles; Fairbank, W & Co, 1 bx scale; Singer, N & Co, 1 bbl scrap; Davis Bros, 2 cse cigars; J M Sechel, 20 do; G Johnson, 1 sewing machine, Gallinger & Co, 2 bxs g ware, 5 bbls do; Tommy Cunningham, 1 toy sleigh; Keil & R, 1 car oats, 48 scks do; R Rae, 1 car mill stuff.

### Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Pgh Acid Works, 1 car acid; N Y & C G C Co, 47 do coal; Ekkail & Co, 2 do clay; Sable C Co, 24 do coal; A D & Co, 32 do do; T M King, 5 do old iron; Loomis & Co, 1 do oil; N J Bigley, 1 do lumber; Spencer & McK, 1 empty keg; Straub & Co, 2 do do; J L Orway, 1 chest mdse; S R Lobenger, 1 car lumber; Isabella Furnace Co, 11 do limestone; N Y & C G C Co, 52 do coal; Byers, McC & Co, 1 do metal, 10 do sand; S, B & Co, 3 do limestone; Harbison & W, 5 do do; I Letsey, 4 empty kegs; Pier, Danseld & Co, 4 do do; Mitchell, S & Co, 1 heating stove; Jos Bruening, 11 empty kgs; J M Hartford, 1 bx boots; S A Kelly, 7 bxs drugs; Wm Cooper, 15 do c fish; Wm Hoffman, 2 calves; Jas Callery, 16 bdls hides; Jos Korta, 2 d hogs; John Hoffman, 2 do, 1 calf; Jos Korta, 1 calf; H Ross, 1 do; J M Patterson, 7 bbls apples; Peter Lentz, 2 calves; F F Cochran, 3 do; Wm Hoffman, 1 calf; McElveen & Co, 12 bdls chairs; A Speer & Son, 1 plow; A Jackson, 1 bale cotton; Wm Mooney, 11 bdls hides.

### Receipts of Metal, Ore, Etc.

| | Met'l tons | Ore, tons | Iron tons |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pitts., Ft. W. & C. R'y | 220 | .... | .... |
| Cleveland & Pgh. R. R | .... | 80 | 10 |
| Pennsylvania Railroad | 60 | .... | .... |
| A. V. R. R | 12 | .... | 50 |
| Total | 292 | 80 | 60 |

PROPOSALS:

## Steamboat for Sale.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, December 9, 1876.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Comptroller's office, in the city of St. Louis, until 1 o'clock, noon, of the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1877, for the purchase of the steamboat "Elon G. Smith," belonging to the city of St. Louis and used as a harbor boat, together with all machinery, fixtures and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Said proposals will be opened publicly by the undersigned at the Comptroller's office, in the presence of the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor, on the day and at the hour above named.

The award of purchase will be subject to the approval of the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor of the City Council of the City of St. Louis.

Bids must be indorsed "Proposal for the Purchase Steamer Elon G. Smith," and must be accompanied with a cash deposit of one thousand dollars, to be forfeited in case the party to whom the award is made shall fail to complete the purchase when said award is confirmed by the Committees on Ways and Means and Harbor of the City Council.

The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

HENRY OVERSTOLZ, Mayor.
RICH'D P. HANENKAMP, Comptroller.

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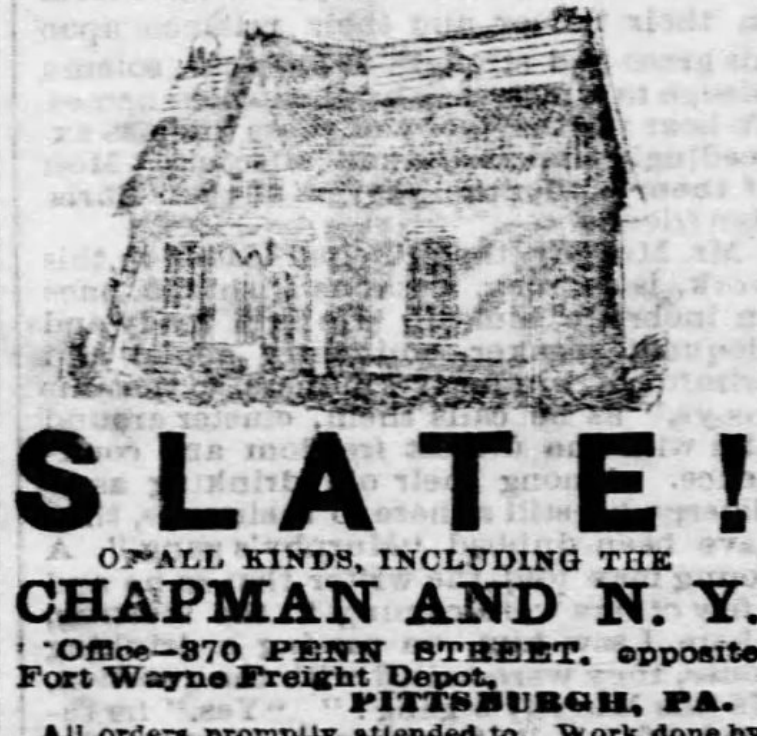

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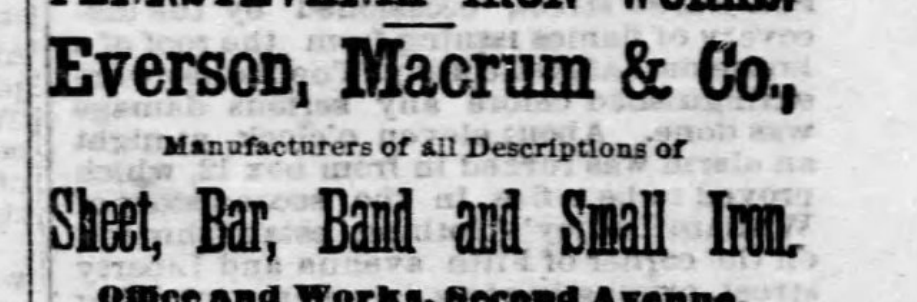

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| Time. | Bar. | Th'r. | Hum | WIND Dir. | WIND Miles ⅌ hour | Weath. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 A. M. | 30 559 | 5 | 87 | E. | 5 | Cloudy |
| 2 P. M. | 30 343 | 18 | 68 | E. | 5 | Cloudy |
| 9 P. M. | 29.044 | 22 | 53 | E. | 5 | Hazy. |

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Mean thermom...16.7 Lowest thermom... 4

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PITTSBURGH, December 17, 1876, 10:48 P. M.

Cairo, Ills.—Ther. 26; wind N. W.; cloudy.
Cincinnati, O.—Ther. 43; wind W.; lt. rain.
Davenport, Iowa—Ther. 6; wind N. W.; cloudy.
Denver, Col.—Ther. 21; wind S.; clear.
Indianapolis, Ind.—Ther. 22; wind N. W.; lt. snow.
Keokuk, Iowa—Ther. 5; wind N.; clear.
Leavenworth, Ks.—Ther. 5; wind N.; clear.
Louisville, Ky.—Ther. 44; wind S. W.; lt. rain.
Memphis, Tenn.—Ther. 46; lt. rain.
Nashville, Tenn.—Ther. 48; wind W.; lt rain.
Omaha, Neb.—Ther. 1; wind N.; clear.
Pittsburgh—Ther. 26; wind E.; cloudy.
Portland, Oregon—Ther. 43; wind N.E.; clear.
Salt Lake City—Ther. 22; foggy.
San Diego, Cal.—Ther. 55; clear.
San Francisco, Cal.—Ther. 63; wind N.; clear.
Santa Fe, N. M.—Ther. 29; wind E.; clear.
Shreveport, La.—Ther. 48; wind N.W.; cloudy.
St. Louis, Mo.—Ther. 14; wind N. W.; fair.
Vicksburg, Miss.—Ther. 56; wind S. E.; light rain.
Virginia Ci[illegible]Ther. 15; wind S. E.; light rain.
Fort Gibson—[illegible]; wind N.; clear.

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### The College Journal.

The December number of the *Journal* follows close on that for November, noticed in our columns last week. As regards its dress and contents, however, it has overtaken and far outstripped its predecessor, being decidedly fine and tasteful in appearance and filled with articles of interest and value to students and to the reading public generally. This is the Christmas number and as such is dressed in a garb handsomer than usual—an exhibition of a spirit of enterprise that is peculiar to the publishers of this school paper, for which they deserve and receive great praise.

### The Conspiracy Case.

On Saturday a hearing was had in the case of Daniel Downer, Edward Northam and others, charged with conspiracy to rob theF ayette County National Bank, before Justice Holmes of Uniontown. A number of witnesses were examined and evidence was adduced sufficient to implicate Downer, who was held in the sum of $3,000 to answer the charge. There being nothing to show that the others had a hand in the business, they were released. Northam was, however, immediately rearrested on two old charges against him for illegal liquor dealings.

### To the Bar.

Thomas D. Carnahan, Esq., son of the Hon. R. B. Carnahan, was duly admitted to practice in the courts of the county, on Saturday last. He has been reading law for several years in his father's office, and at the same time has been performing journalistic duties on the *Evening Chronicle*—mainly as court reporter. His training for the bar has been careful and thorough, and he enters the profession under very favorable auspices. As a newspaper writer he has proven himself apt, vigorous and accurate; and while his journalistic friends will regret to lose him, they cannot but congratulate him upon his entering a wider and more lucrative field.

### North Side Narrow Gauge.

The stockholders and those interested in the success of the Emsworth Narrow-gauge railroad met Friday night at the school house in Emsworth. The managers express the opinion that work will soon be commenced, as the stock is being subscribed gradually. The route for the track has been surveyed, and will follow that of the proposed Northwestern railroad, except that it will follow the river from its terminus, at the Germania Garden, at the suspension bridge, to Strawberry lane and follow it down almost to the Beaver road, crossing above the Fort Wayne railroad, and here verge off north, crossing the Beaver road above Woods Run, where it will continue on down the route as surveyed by [illegible]

### [illegible] Relief Distribution.

We, the committee appointed to distribute the money subscribed by the employes of Shoenberger's Nail Factory, beg leave to make the following report: Total amount subscribed and received by the committee, $238. Distributed the same as follows: Kate Miles, $10; Mary Snyder, $10; Catharine Cook, $10; W. Eberhart, $10; Jacob Boby, $10; Mrs. Loper, $10; Mrs. Burkhart, for Purnell, $10; Mrs. Cregan, $23; Mary Kline, $10; Mrs. McCafferty, $10; Annie Kline, $10; S. Anderson, $10; Mrs. Kendrick, $10; Mrs. Sullivan, $10; Mrs. Murphy, $10; Mrs. Mangus, $10; Mary Higgins, $10; John Harris, $10; Mary Connelly, $10; Samuel Dailey, $10; Mrs. Caldwell, $15. Total, $238. Committee—W. D. Wrighter, Sr., James G. Stephens, John A. Brown, John Kelley and John Coyne.

### Saturday's Fires.

The fire department had three calls on Saturday. Shortly before noon an alarm was sent in from box 71, at Penn avenue and Butler street, occasioned by the discovery of flames issuing from the roof of a house on Lafayette alley. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done. About eleven o'clock at night an alarm was turned in from box 12, which proved to be a fire in the second story of William Ledley's clothing establishment, on the corner of Fifth avenue and Liberty street, originating in a gas flame touching and setting fire to a pile of batting. But little damage was done. A little later box 36 was struck. This fire was at Nos. 33 and 34 Wylie avenue. It was caused by thawing out the waste pipe in the grocery at No. 32, and the flame communicated through the joist and cornice to No. 34. A hole was cut and a Babcock extinguisher soon settled it.

### Silver and Lead in West Virginia.

The report of the finding of silver and lead in West Virginia has created considerable interest here. Mr. J. J. Roemer, President of the *Bullion Mining Company*, of this city, on whose lands the valuable metals are said to have been found, furnishes the following information: In the spring of 1874 Mr. Butler, of Laurel run, in the same region, found a piece of almost pure lead in Decker's run, and on smelting the same for the purpose of making bullets solid silver remained. Mr. Barney O'Conner found lead in Quarry run, and made shot, bullets and plummets of the same. This attracted the attention of a practical geologist and miner, and he made a report as follows: That quartz bearing silver and lead is found in sufficient quantity to induce operation there, that the same is found in veins of from one-eight inch to two inches thickness on the outcrop, that the veins grow larger and run southeast, that these veins are imbedded in hard slate encased in primitive rock of the antediluvian formation, which is dotted with pyrites of iron, which pyrites of iron are oxide, and that good traces of gold are found in the same formation.

The value of the ores as up to the present time found, in comparison of the North Carolina ores of similar kinds, are worth from $1 50 to $3 per hundred pounds. The lands in which these discoveries are made are located on both sides of Cheat river, in the counties of Monongalia and Preston, in the State of West Virginia, and are from the place of mining distant nineteen miles from Uniontown, Pa., twelve miles from Geneva, Pa., and six miles from Morgantown, W. Va. Here is a fresh field for enterprise, industry and ingenuity.

### Attempted Suicide.

J. W. Bates, a boarder at the House of Mr. Bailey, in Lower St. Clair township, attempted to destroy himself, Saturday morning, by swallowing half an ounce of laudanum. Drs. J. D. and D. H. Potter were promptly summoned, and by administering a powerful emetic they succeeded in saving their patient's life. Bates is a man of about thirty years of age, and married, but in consequence of domestic infelicities had separated from his wife, and for some time previous to the attempt upon his life, had been residing with Mr. Bailey. He had been occupying a room with a son of the landlord, and on the morning stated arose from bed at seven o'clock, and from a bottle he had previously secured at a drug store, drank the poison. He then went to bed again and informed the landlord's son, who had not yet arisen, that there was a letter on the table for his father. The young man paid very little attention to him, and fell asleep again, not awakening until about nine o'clock. Upon getting up and dressing himself he noticed the letter, and this called his attention to his companion, who, to his horror, [illegible] in an apparently dying condition. [illegible] were [illegible] The physicians, as stated, were summoned, and the man, at last accounts, was thought to be out of danger. The attempt to take his life was planned coolly and deliberately by Bates, and on the evening previous he had written three letters, one to his wife, one to his mother and the third, as stated, to the landlord. In these it was shown that the difficulties arising from domestic trouble had occasioned the attempt. He complained of not being able to gain possession of his children, for whom he seemed to cherish a fond affection, and expressed himself as being tired of life. He gave directions as to the distribution of his personal property also, and had made every preparation to depart this life.

## THE TEMPERANCE WORK.

### Immense Mass Meeting Last Evening at the Opera House—Addresses by Mr. Francis Murphy, M. Swartzweider, Esq., and Others.

The attendance at the Opera House, last evening, to hear and see Francis Murphy and his "gang" was unprecedentedly large. Never was the building so literally packed. At six o'clock the crowds began to arrive, men and women of all ranks in life, including a very large proportion of young men. The anxiety to get in was very great, and from the time the doors opened there was a continued rush, until every seat and every standing place, even to the aisles, were taken up. At half-past seven o'clock it was found necessary to place policemen at the outer entrance to the building and notify the streams of people who continued to arrive that there was no possibility of either seeing or hearing. Until after eight o'clock people continued to come, and hundreds upon hundreds were turned away disappointed. The stage was fully occupied by Mr. Murphy and his "gang" of followers and some few singers. Never was there a larger, a more intelligent, or a more interested audience within the walls of any building in Pittsburgh. It was evident that there is a great awakening in the temperance interest in this community.

After the singing of a hymn, Mr. Murphy made a short address, giving briefly the plan of the work in which he and the Young Men's Temperance Union are engaged. He called attention to the fact that this was no crusade; that war was not being made upon anyone or upon any class. The effort was to redeem men from drunkenness and by love and encouragement to save their souls. In closing his brief address Mr. Murphy said he would introduce a man known to all, who, although suffering from illness had consented at the request of the speaker to appear on this occasion and speak some words of encouragement and advice to young men. He would introduce Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq.

ADDRESS OF MR. SWARTZWELDER.

The name of Mr. Swartzwelder was greeted with a perfect storm of applause which continued for some time, as the gentleman stepped to the front of the stage. He spoke of the movement now in progress, and said that some people called it an emotional, a spasmodic movement. They said that when this excitement is over and Mr. Murphy leaves, these men who have signed the pledge and, so far, adhered to it would fall back into their old habits. In the opinion of the speaker, good results would follow the work of Mr. Murphy and these young men. If but one tenth of those who have come forward and taken the pledge hold fast, is not the work a great success? He appealed to all who desired sobriety, who desired to aid humanity to aid the cause. A great many young men are led into inebriety by social life, by visitation. The holidays are now approaching when social visits will be more numerous for a time and when from custom a glass of wine is offered. It is hard for a young man to refuse from fair hands. It looks to him rude and vulgar to refuse. It is a low notion that he could fall into disgrace, and it is not wrong to take a glass of wine. He will say to himself that he can safely take a glass of wine, and then he will say the same of the second, third and fourth. Mr. Swartzwelder here briefly related the history of a young man who when at college took his wine—continued it. Even at his father's house the wine, whisky and brandy were upon the sideboard, and in those days it would have been considered discourteous not to have asked any visitor to take a drink. That same young man has since been in the lowest depths of drunkenness in this city! Are any safer than he was? Take care, young men, that you swallow not that which "biteth like a serpent." God knows, said the speaker, that I have suffered from remorse and shame. I say to all, help on this greatest movement in the cause of temperance and sobriety. [Applause.] I may feel earnest in this. I have suffered. I feel this earnestness because I know the cause of my suffering. I know how insidiously these bands are wound around like a silken woof, a band of steel. It requires the strongest love, kindness, power of good will to effect release from it. Now, said the speaker impressively, I am not arrogant enough to say that I will never touch the intoxicating cup again, but I will say, that I hope by the aid of God that I never will do so again while I live. [Long and repeated applause.]

I have not very long to live; I have passed a half century of existence, and I do hope and pray and I hope that others will pray for me, that the latter part of my life may be of some service to my fellowman. Some say this work will die out, that these men will return to their wallow. Let time show. "By their fruits ye shall know them." [Applause.] You who have not experienced it have not the slightest conception of the trial, the agony, the torture to escape from the evil. Young friends, do not hold back; have no shame in this reformation. Be men in the full height of manhood, and I pray God to aid you.

[illegible] Mr. Swartzwelder's ad[illegible] "What Shall the Harvest Be?" addresses were delivered by Capt. John K. Barbour and others, all of whom were kindly received.

### A Great and Hopeful Temperance Work.

Mr. Francis Murphy, of Michigan, has been laboring in Pittsburgh for two or three weeks past with an unprecedented measure of success, and the work is still going on with increasing power. Thousands of young and middle aged men who have been addicted to drinking, some of whom were supposed by themselves and others to be almost hopeless inebriates, have been not only reformed but hopefully converted and made happy in the love of Christ, and are now laboring zealously to save others.

The work is principally among artizans and mechanics, many of them bright and intrepid men, who come forward in the meetings and humbly but boldly confess, not their temperance only, but their faith in their Savior and their reliance upon his grace and strength to keep the solemn pledge to which they have put their names. To hear the testimony of these men is exceedingly impressive and affecting. Most of them ask for the prayers of their Christian friends.

Mr. Murphy, the principal leader in this work, is a strong, vigorous Irishman, once an inebriate himself. He is a ready and eloquent speaker, eminently genial and brimful of brotherly kindness, so that his "boys," as he calls them, cluster around him with the utmost freedom and confidence. Among their old drinking associates, who still adhere to their cups, they have been dubbed "Murphy's gang." A young man told the writer that as he and a few others were coming to the meeting, where I saw him, on passing a drinking house, they were hailed with the question, "Is this Murphy's gang?" "Yes," he replied, "fall in." Sure enough, several did fall in, and then more and more, until they had from twenty to thirty in the procession. So the work goes on, cheerily, earnestly, prayerfully, while in the meetings it is mingled with the best revival hymns in the language and with earnest pleadings at the Throne of Grace. The rough, good fellowship of by-gone days is changed into warm brotherly love, as is seen in the zeal of these reformed men to seek and save their old companions.

In this movement no class is denounced. The venders of strong drink are spoken of with kindness and respect, just as much so as are the victims of their traffic; and some of them are found in "Murphy's gang;" but their bad occupation is abandoned. Men's hearts seem to flow together in mutual sympathy; and, although they never met before, they clasp each other's hands in fervent congratulation.

Will this reformation be abiding? Will these men keep their pledges? Here hope rises higher than in any temperance movement I ever saw, because Christ is the rock upon which it is founded. Other stable foundation than this can no man lay. All the promises are made in humble dependence upon Divine aid. All the joyous songs which burst forth between the addresses, however brief, are full of Christ, just the same as at the high tide of a glorious revival. Some, doubtless, will fall back; but multitudes will be saved, not only from an evil habit, but with an everlasting salvation. J. C.

### The Treatment of Horses.

The following appeal and suggestions of the Humane Society of Illinois, apply equally in Pittsburgh:

The present winter is likely to be very severe; the owners of *all animals* are, therefore, earnestly requested to make suitable provision for their protection from the inclemency of the weather; this suggestion is made as a measure of humanity, and also as being to the immediate interest of the owners. Good food and water free from ice should be provided; in cold weather animals all need more food; if well protected, however, there will be a saving in the amount required, so that shelter is economy. No cattle, horse, sheep, or other animals should be suffered to remain in the fields without proper shelter.

It is believed that the owners of *horses* will serve their own interests by attending to the following suggestions:

If horses are *sharp-shod* in icy weather, they can pull large loads to greater advantage; it is poor economy to neglect the proper shoeing of horses, which may by such be seriously injured.

Horses should be protected by blankets or water-proof covers from rain or snow, and while standing. The cost of a blanket is very small, and its use would repay the outlay very many times.

Any woolen or other protection placed under the pad or saddle, and extending back over the hips, will be found very useful, as protecting a weak part of the animal.

The clipping of horses at this season is considered to be at least *imprudent*, and by this society *inhumane*. Owners are respectfully urged to allow the animals to retain the covering which nature has provided.

Work-horses, if at all, should be checked very low; they can thus pull to greater advantage, protect their eyes from rain or snow, and are less liable to injure themselves. It will be noticed that the city railway companies have largely abandoned the use of check rains.

It is prudent to warm with the hands, or otherwise, bits before placing them in the horses' mouths.

## INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR.

### Special Services at the Central Presbyterian Church.

Special services were held yesterday afternoon at the Central Presbyterian church for the purpose of inducting Rev. F. Leroy Senour into the pastorate of the church. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas C. Strong, D. D., of the Pennsylvania Female College, by appointment of Presbytery. After the singing of a hymn, selections were read from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, and then prayer was offered by Professor Crane, of the Western University. This was followed by the singing of the 583d hymn.

Rev. S. F. Scovel, of the First church, by appointment, preached the sermon, taking for his text, Ezra vii. 10. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

A very able and interesting discourse was delivered by the Reverend gentleman, during which he said that Ezra might well be studied by all who are called upon to preach, because he was the first to read and explain the Gospel and is the model of the Protestant minister. The name Ezra is significant, it means "help." The minister must teach the word of God, and to do so he must study it. The congregation should see to it that the pastor has time for this study.

At the close of the sermon Rev. Strong, after stating the action of the Presbytery, proceeded to propound the constitutional questions, first to the pastor elect and then to the congregation. The answers being satisfactory, Rev. F. Leroy Senour was, in the name of the Presbytery, pronounced duly inducted as pastor of the church.

Rev. R. R. Moore then delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. W. T. Beatty to the congregation. Both addresses were interesting and instructive. The latter although not expected nor intending to deliver a sermon, nevertheless took a text: II Corinthians, IV, 7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels. The pastor represented the earthen vessel from whom is drawn the teachings of the word of God.

At the conclusion of the charge the audience was dismissed with the benediction.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge Ketcham.

Wm. Stroebel, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Register's report ascertaining and liquidating liens confirmed absolutely.

Edward S. Stickney, cashier, &c. vs. Alexander Greenwald, Allegheny city. Order of reference made to Register Shafer to ascertain whether the statutory number and value of creditors have joined in petition for adjudication.

William H. Ake, of Blair county, was discharged from bankruptcy.

In the matter of French, Richards & Co., *et al.*, vs. Calvin C. Mateer, of Blair county, proceedings were discontinued.

Schwarz Bros., *et al*, vs. Hyman Feidle, Lycoming county. Order made for hearing on petition for injunction on the 2d prox., meantime restraining Hyman Neidle and Peter Kuhn.

John Geesey, of Altoona, and Hyram Yealey, of Westmoreland county, filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Sterrett and Stowe.

Casey & Fogarty vs. Joseph Spencer. Motion made and reasons filed for a new trial.

Voluntary assignment of R. A. Clarke & Co. Account of W. W. Rigden presented and publication ordered.

Voluntary assignment of S. H. Hoffman. J. G. McKnight and Hampton Todd appointed appraisers.

In the matter of the application of the Allegheny Base Ball Club for an amendment to its charter, it was ordered and decreed that the amendment be allowed.

In the case of Annie W. Reno vs. John L. Reno, an attachment was ordered to issue against the defendant for contempt.

Margaret Mullen was allowed the benefit of the act securing to married women their separate earnings.

Voluntary assignment of Jenkins & Bowman. A. M. Bacon and William Wyant appointed appraisers.

Harriet McH. Hughes by her next friend vs. Thomas F. Hughes; libel in divorce. W. O. McNamara appointed commissioner.

Rosenblatt vs. Lyon. Motion and reasons for a new trial.

Rebecca Jane Girtz, *nee* Rebecca Jane Fix, by her next friend, Lewis Fix, vs. Jas. Daizell Girtz, libel in divorce. A. S. Miller, Esq., appointed commissioner.

Mrs. Lewis Fredericks on motion, was allowed the benefit of the act securing to married women their separate earnings.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO DAY.

Christ. Koch vs. N. C. Schrader; Daniel Jackson vs. Harry Jones; Ward vs. Neville Loan and Homestead Association; Hering vs. Stadleman and wife; McGinniss & Co. vs. Mrs. P. Kelly; Duncan vs. Cohen; Kelly for use vs. Kelly; guardian of William McKinney et al vs. Reineman; Schaner vs. steamtug "Victor" F. Wilson; Winteringer vs. Rohrkaste; Wm. Henry Price and wife, for use, vs. Barnes; Marker Rush vs. Tradesman's Industrial Institute; McKibbon vs. Blair Iron and Steel Company et al; Murtland & Scott vs. Blair Iron and Steel Com[illegible] sometimes called Fanny Roberts.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Ewing, Kirkpatrick and White.

Reno *et al.* vs. Robinson *et al.* Time for taking testimony extended.

A rule was granted on Nathaniel Snyder to show cause why he should not satisfy a certain mortgage.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Barnes vs. Harrower; Lycoming County Insurance Company vs. Bates *et al.*; Marshall vs. Graham; Fritsch & Ruff vs. Mack in & Friday; Martin vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Richardson vs. Allemania Fire Insurance Company; Wolf vs. Hazelwood Building and Loan Association; Caldwell vs. Waiz *et al.*; Reineman vs. Chambers; Schweet & Neuhous vs. Holscher Brothers; Kinzer vs. Rupperth; Ward *et al.* vs. Severance.

Orphans' Court—Judge Hawkins.

Estate of Oliver T. Burns, deceased. Sale confirmed absolutely.

Margaret J. Penney was appointed guardian ad litem of Samuel G. Wingard and John P. Penney, minors.

George Black, deceased. Order made directing certain moneys to remain in the hands of Henry Lloyd for use of widow of deceased.

Joseph Forsythe was appointed guardian of Mary and William Richardson.

Herman Wicht was appointed guardian of Susan Weirich and Henry Weirich, minors.

Adam Wise was appointed guardian of Bertha Louisa Hummel, *et al* minors.

E. B. Carmichal was appointed guardian of Elizabeth Kranzlein.

Following is the Audit list for Monday: Estates of Dorthea Chess, John J. Vetter, Wm. Wadworth, John P. Davis, Philip Bigley, James Scott, John S. Hall, Charles W. Lokg *et al* minors, Arnold Hertz, Harry E. Jenkins.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

SENTENCES.

Thamas Breen, convicted of murder of the first degree, in killing Peter Hughes, was sentenced to ten years in the Penitentiary. Judge Stowe reminded him that he had made a very narrow escape from death by hanging. Had the jury convicted of the higher grade, it was not at all probable that anything could have saved his life.

The following persons were sentenced to the Workhouse: Sol. Stoker, larceny, one year; Julius Stocker, larceny, one year and eight months; Adam Haley, malicious mischief, ten months; Lorenz Schmidt, larceny, four months; John W. Patterson, adultery, sixty days; John Brown, larceny, months; Charles Murdock, assault, eight months; Francis Clarke, receiving stolen goods, four months, and on another charge, three months; Charles Ceila, larceny, thirty days; Wm. Palmer, larceny, ten months; Chas. Fralinger, larceny, five months; Frank McClelland, assault, thirty days.

To the Penitentiary—A. Whalen, larceny, two years; Arthur Goodwin, larceny of railroad iron, one year and four months; Dolos A. Forbes, forgery, one year and six months; Andrew McCormick, larceny, eighteen months.

Leonard Bechtold had pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with selling liquor on Sunday, and to the first count of another indictment charging him with keeping a gambling house and being a common gambler. On the first he was fined $200 and costs, and in default he was given ninety days to jail; and in the second a fine of $100 and one year to the Workhouse.

Owen McNulty, a bad boy, and an "old offender," was committed to the Reform School.

Legal Notes.

On motion of Messrs. Jacob H. Miller, S. A. McClung and J. F. Slagle, Thomas D. Chautler, Will McClung, William Hunter, Charles A. O'Brien, R. S. Crawford, John M. Hague and Joseph Crown were duly qualified and admitted to practice in the county courts, the gentlemen all having satisfactorily acquitted themselves before the Examining Board.

Daniel Jackson instituted a suit for damages in the Common Pleas Court No. 2 against W. J. Craig, for damages for an alleged slander. He charges that the defendant, in the presence of other parties, asserted that he, Jackson, was not a responsible man, never fulfilling a contract, was dishonest and could not be trusted. The plaintiff claims damages in the sum of $5,000. A capias was issued and bail was fixed in the sum of $500.

Eugene Smyth entered suit in the Common Pleas No. 1 against John Tuigg, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburg, to recover balance due him for services. The plaintiff put in his bill for services as Secretary and collector of the Episcopal residence from March, 1872, to August 10, 1873, amounting to $400, with interest of $84, and two years and two months' services as Secretary and general manager of St. Paul's Episcopal residence, at $100 per month, $3,400, and interest $24 95, making a total of $3,910 95. He acknowledges the receipt of cash to the amount of $2,630 40, and claims a balance of $1,280 55.

### The Industrial Exposition Building.

The new Board of Directors of the Tradesmens Industrial Institute will meet on Thursday next and consider what shall be done. At present they are without information as to the financial status of the concern and, consequently are unable to judge whether the liabilities are such as it will be possible to wipe out within a reasonable time. The matter will be discussed and if it is thought that the building can be saved from sacrifice the effort will be made.

## PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The third and last week of Miss Maggie Mitchell's engagement begins this evening, when Runnion's dramatization from Goethe's story of "Wilhelm Meister" will be played for the first time here. Wherever it has been produced, "Mignon" has been successful, winning unstinted praise from public and critics. Miss Mitchell plays the wayward, wilful heroine, while Messrs. William Harris, Gotthold and the company generally have strong characters allotted to them. The piece has been rehearsed frequently, and should, and no doubt will, go off smoothly. Mr. Palmer has prepared some handsome new scenery for the play, and no pains or expense have been spared in preparation for it. It will be played during the week, and at matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

"Not Guilty."

During the holiday week, Mr. Gotthold will present a melodrama by Watts Phillips, entitled "Not Guilty," which has had great popularity in London and the Eastern cities. Mr. G. will fill the part of the hero, and the remaining characters will be distributed to the stock company. New scenery and furniture will add to the interest of the play.

Library Hall.

Mme. Janauschek closed a very successful week at this theater on Saturday, the matinee audience crowding the house, and a large number being present at night.

This evening the celebrated Emerson minstrels, embracing some of the best burnt cork talent in the world, will begin a series of their pleasing entertainments. Among the members of the troupe are Billy Emerson, Ben. Cotton, J. M. Kemble, Mackin and Wilson, Ernest Linden, J. G. Russell (an old favorite here), Beaumont Reed, William H. Tills, C. S. Fredericks, John F. Oberist, and a full orchestra. This list includes six first-class comedians and six fine vocalists. The programme will be changed nightly, yet no stale "gags" or worn-out songs will be given. Everything will be fresh, sparkling and enjoyable.

Rose Eytinge.

The next dramatic light to appear at Library Hall will be Miss Rose Eytinge, who made such a favorable impression here last season. She begins a short season on Christmas Day, and will give us some of the characters which she created in New York, while playing at the Union Square Theater. Her *reportoire* embraces *Armand Chandoce* in "Led Astray," *Gabrielle* in the "Geneva Cross," *Rose Michel, Lady Macbeth, Nancy Sykes, Margaret Elmore, Julia* in "The Hunchback," *Camille*, etc., but the plays she is to present are not yet announced. She is one of the best actresses on the stage.

The Brooklyn Benefit.

The following letter of acknowledgment was received at the Opera House last week from the Mayor of Brooklyn:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
BROOKLYN, December 14, 1876.

*Mr. William H. Crompton, Treasurer, Pittsburgh Opera House, Pittsburgh, Pa.*—DEAR SIR: I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 13th inst., inclosing draft for $352, being gross receipts of a benefit held in your Opera House under the direction of Miss Maggie Mitchell and Mr. J. N. Gotthold, the lessee and manager.

Please express my thanks for the generous donation, and say to the donors that the money will be used in alleviating the great distress of the hundreds—old and young—who have been so suddenly bereft of their support, and, as it were, thrown on the world penniless, nay homeless. This is the first contribution that has been received by me from the theatrical profession. Very respectfully, yours,

SCHROEDER, Mayor.

## CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are called to meet at 2:30 this afternoon.

THE noon-day prayer meetings at the Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church are very largely attended.

POSTMASTER MYLER, of Allegheny, is confined to his house from the effects of a slight hemorrhage from the lungs.

GEORGE STEINHAUSER was, on Saturday, sent by Mayor Phillips, of Allegheny, to the Workhouse for ninety days, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

A WAGON was struck by a Cleveland train at Preble avenue, Allegheny crossing, Saturday afternoon, and nothing remains of that vehicle but splinters.

AT an election for Burgess of Verona borough, on Saturday, A. H. Rowond, Jr., was the successful candidate, the vote standing—Rowand, 102; J. W. Paul, 93.

J. CHAMBERS, driver of the Good Will steamer, Allegheny Fire Department, was thrown from a horse on Saturday, the animal tramping on his face, injuring him severely.

A FAIR and supper will be held at the Millvale Presbyterian church, at Bennett Station, West Penn Railroad, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

THE Republican pole, corner of Main and Chestnut streets, Allegheny, was broken by the wind Friday night. It was two hun[illegible] at the second section, leaving about one-half standing.

JOHN S. WEAVER, charged before Alderman Anderson by Charles Arbuckle, of the firm of Arbuckle & Co., with obtaining groceries to the amount of eighteen dollars, and paying for them with a worthless check on the Liberty Improvement Bank, was arrested Saturday and held for a hearing.

MISS CAROLINE STRONG, who resides on Penn avenue, near Nineteenth street, appeared before Alderman Moreland, Saturday morning, and made information against Henry Kramer and John Currence for disorderly conduct, alleging that the accused used insulting language toward her on the street, Friday night. The larks were held for a hearing.

IT will be remembered that, some time ago, John T. Harvey charged Captain W. C. Cooke, of Allegheny, with putting his property out of his hands for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. The bill was ignored by the Grand Jury. Mr. Cooke has now brought suit against Harvey, before Alderman Lighthill, charging him with malicious prosecution.

THE house of George W. Beck, a barber, living at 135 Liberty street, Allegheny, was entered Friday night after twelve o'clock by three tramps, who proceeded to the kitchen. Beck heard them and springing from his bed seized a hatchet and went after them. The noise he made frightened them, and they got away. He spent an hour looking for them through the alleys, courts and cellars without success.

MAYOR PHILLIPS, of Allegheny, has issued his proclamation ordering an election for Select and Common councilmen to be held on the 27th inst., in the Twelfth and Thirteenth wards of Allegheny. The Mayor was in doubt as to the necessity of holding an election in the Seventh ward, and therefore consulted City Solicitor Rodgers, who takes the position that an election in that ward this year is unnecessary.

A TELEGRAM to a Cincinnati paper from Sandusky, Ohio, Saturday, says: "Edward Marks, a section hand on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was frozen to death near here last night. Marks was seen last evening lying on the railroad track intoxicated, and was removed by men who feared he would be run over by the cars. Subsequently he wandered into a barnyard near the track, laid down, and the lifeless body was found this morning. Marks' residence was in Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania."

THE Baltimore *News* of Saturday says: At an early hour this morning Mr. J. M. Millard, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died at the St. Clair Hotel, of gastrites, after an illness of five days. His friends in Pittsburgh were notified, and the body was taken charge of by Messrs. Stewart & Mown, and prepared for shipment to his late home. During his illness Mr. Millard received every attention from Mr. Dorsey and other officials of the hotel. He was in the fortieth year of his age, and formerly lived in New York.

### Checkers.

Martins, the checker champion, played three games on Saturday afternoon with Mr. Clouser, which resulted in the champion winning two and drawing the third. Saturday night young Reed, the newsboy, again sat down with Martins, when four games were played, Mr. Martins winning two and the remainder were drawn, making the score between them: Martins 5, Reed 2, drawn 8. This afternoon either Mr. Lindsay or Mr. Clouser will play, and in the evening Mr. Reed will again enter the list. Mr. Martins will remain in the city until Wednesday.

The total score here so far is as follows:

| | Won. | Lost. | Drawn. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Martins | 12 | 2 | 12 |

For comparison, his score in other cities is given below:

| | Won. | Lost. | Drawn. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland, O. | 111 | 3 | 34 |
| Lafayette, Ind. | 55 | 0 | 15 |
| Cincinnati, O. | 65 | 1 | 17 |
| Terre Haute, Ind. | 75 | 1 | 6 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 178 | 0 | 33 |
| Buffalo, N. Y. | 105 | 8 | 75 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 80 | 1 | 40 |

### The Boggs & Buhl Robbery.

John Ferguson Barclay and George Ellis, the men who were arrested at the instance of Mayor McCarthy on the charge of robbery the store of Boggs & Buhl, on Federal street, Allegheny, are still at the Central Station awaiting a hearing, which will take place to-day. It appears that their is no evidence to connect Barclay with the robbery, and he will probably be discharged to-day. As to Ellis, the Mayor thinks he will be able to fasten the crime on him. He has been identified as the man who returned the key of the unoccupied building, near Boggs & Buhl's store, through which the stolen goods were carried, and also by the man from whom the wagon was procured. Ellis, though not above thirty years of age, is old in crime, having been engaged in extensive burglaries in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and other Western cities. His first job here was the robbery of Oppenheimer's store, on Fifth avenue, near Market street, about eighteen months ago, for which he served a term of one year in the Penitentiary.

WHAT is home without a baby? Many children have coughs and colds just now, and should have the greatest care, and a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Santa Claus Headquarters

this year will be at R. S. Davis & Co.'s Book Store, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street. Strangers visiting the city will here find the largest and most elegant display of Christmas presents in the city. Richly illustrated books, writing desks, albums, pictures, Fancy articles, &c. You cannot miss the Corner Book Store.

Steel Engravings.

We have now open for the Holidays the finest assortment of Steel Engravings ever before offered in the city. A most acceptable present for Christmas.
S. BOYD & Co.,
MW 66 Fifth avenue.

Russia Leather Writing Desks

at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

COME AND SEE

The Domestic.

The most satisfactory operating Cook Stove in the market.

For sale by dealers generally. Manufactured by
JOHN B. HERRON & Co.,
STUTH 291 Liberty street.

Looking Glasses, Pictures and Frames.

Our stock is now complete and arranged for the inspection of customers. Many of the designs are entirely new and should be examined.
S. BOYD & Co.,
MW No. 66 Fifth avenue.

Books

for girls at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

Wall Pockets and Brackets.

A large and attractive stock at exceedingly low prices.
S. BOYD & Co.,
MW No. 66 Fifth axenue.

To be Healthy

we must obey nature's laws. Nothing is more contrary to these laws than to breathe the dry air of our apartments in cold weather. To make this atmosphere pleasant and healthful use Dr. Colburn's Porous Evaporator. For sale at No. 89 Wood street, room No 1, Germania Bank Building. Call and see them or send for circular. Prices from $2 to $5.

Straws and Lighters

for fancy work at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

Do You Want

the best cook stove in the market? Then buy the DOMESTIC; manufactured by
JOHN B. HERRON & Co.,
291 Liberty street,
and for sale by dealers generally. STUTH

Magazines for 1876.

We take subscriptions for all the monthly magazines. Publishers make no terms with which we cannot comply.
S. A. CLARKE & Co.,
Wood street, near Fifth avenue.

Japannese Goods

at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

The Domestic Portable Range

is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. It costs no more than an ordinary cook stove. Manufactured by
JOHN B. HERRON & Co.,
291 Liberty street,
and for sale by dealers generally. STUTH

Pictures of Statuary,

chromos, mottoes, &c., at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

It is Disastrous

to the nasal cavities, throat and lungs to breathe dry hot air. Escape the evils consequent from this by attaching "Dr. Colburn's Porus Evaporator" to your stoves, registers or radeators, which will make the atmosphere healthful and pleasant. They are simple and cheap. For sale at 89 Wood street, room No. 1. Call or send for circular.

Games, Games, Games, Games,

at R. S. Davis & Co.'s, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street.

New Chromos

never before shown in this city just out. Very handsome, very attractive, and prices low.
S. BOYD & Co.,
MW 66 Fifth avenue.

Gold Pens.

Gold pens at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

### City Treasurership—A Card.

Whereas, certain interested parties are circulating a slander that I am acting in collusion with another candidate for the position of City Treasurer, I am compelled to take this public manner to pronounce the story *entirely and unqualifiedly false in every respect.*

I am a candidate on my previous record and merits for the position, not on a prospectus, and have no bargain or arrangement with *any* candidate, or other individual, to attempt to subvert the wishes of the majority of Republican voters.

J. F. DENNISTON,
Candidate for City Treasurer,
Subject to Republican Convention.

Books

for boys at R. S. Davis & Co.'s.

## FROM ST. PAUL, MINN.

### An Electoral College Made Up Entirely of Carpet-Baggers—Pronunciamentos Wanted from the Windy Thompson and the Pecksniffian Hewitt—Railroad Subsidies and People Interested in Them.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

ST. PAUL, December 6, 1876.

This being the day when the electors meet to designate the choice of their respective States for President and Vice President, I concluded to appear at the capitol of Minnesota *a la* Bigler and Curtin, to see that a fair count be had and to object to any bulldozing by representatives from the grasshopper counties.

Armed to the teeth, I went to the Executive chamber, where the wisdom of the State had assembled, and the sight I there beheld was enough to chill the blood of an American citizen, and cause him to wish in his heart that he had the power to call a legion of the White Liners of the South to his aid to prevent a great outrage which was about to be committed. I could hardly believe that a free people would sit quietly by and see their rights thus trampled under foot.

There sat Governor Pillsbury, a carpetbagger from New Hampshire, who was to certify to the vote to be cast by five carpetbag electors. Of these carpet-baggers styling themselves electors, one was from New York, one from Michigan, one from Pennsylvania and, most horrible to tell, one from the frozen region of Norway and one from Sweden. Not one from the land of potatoes, nor one to represent the chivalry of the sunny South, nor one who was born on the soil of Minnesota.

I protested against this carpet-bagging outrage, and threatened them with a manifesto from the valorous J. GassyThompson, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Ohio, and when this failed, I told them I would either have the bloody Hewitt send out one of his pronunciamentos or a Pope's bull, but all failed. In order that these usurpers, who dare presume to vote for a State whose air they did not breath in their infancy, may be known and their deeds banded down in history, I will tell the readers of the COMMERCIAL that they were ex-Governor Davis, ex-Governor Stephen Miller, General Edgerton, Mr. Mattson and Mr. Fisseth, and that Governor Miller was appointed to carry the vote to Washington. Governor Miller is a native of Harrisburg, but came to this State at an early day, and was elected Governor. During the war he commanded a regiment of infantry.

Minnesota, by a popular majority of 21,000, elected these five electors, who unanimously voted for Hayes and Wheeler, and from the feeling existing here among the people whom they represent, I am certain that if Hayes and Wheeler are declared elected, they will be ready at a moment's warning to see that they are duly inaugurated. I assure you that so far as the Northwest is concerned, there will be no fooling allowed; and if it is to be fought out, they are ready for it.

In connection with this, I wish to say that a prominent Democrat here received a private circular to-day from some Democratic organization, asking him to send the name of every Democrat who had borne arms during the late rebellion. What can this mean?

There is an impression throughout the West that Tom Scott is pulling with Tilden, and that the objective point is the Texas Pacific Railroad. It is to be hoped that Republicans in Congress will spoil this little game of Slippery Samuel and the wily Thomas, since all conventions have denounced subsidies, and it is not likely that Senator Wallace will pull with them, for the Democratic Convention which met in Pittsburgh in 1874, of which Wallace was President, denounced these subsidies. Money can do much, but I don't believe it can induce Congress to subsidize the Texas Pacific Railroad.

There is but little snow here, and the weather is very pleasant. Business seems to be dull, and there are but few strangers here. The United States Court will meet here next Monday, which will be the last session until December, 1877, owing to the economizing fit of Congress last winter.

I see the House of Representatives has already appointed three smelling committees. Now let Randall send the members of the committees to the oil regions and lay them under some derrick and have their nostrils bored and cleaned out with a sand pump, for we want them to have clear smellers and both nostrils open, so that the smelling may not all be on one side.

A. P. H.

Patrick Mulligan, member of the first branch of Baltimore City Council, died on Saturday morning from a pistol shot wound received on Thursday morning last during a row at a ball.

In a recently opened mine near Gainesville, Ga., have been unearthed gold, silver, copper, iron, zinc, titanium, nickel, tin, molybdinum, lead, stealite, kaolin, mica, rock chrystal, umber, asbestos, rubies, diamonds, garnets and corundum.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

## BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

### The Complications in the East.

RUSSO-TURKISH WAR CONSIDERED INEVITABLE.

BERLIN, December 16.—News received from the conference in high political quarters here maintains that Russo-Turkish war is inevitable. Russia has not yet completed her preparations, and will endeavor to protract the conference until her Southern army is concentrated. Private intelligence from St. Petersburg also states that Russia is unalterably determined to meet immediately the grievances which have been already indulged too long for European peace; but she will not enter the field until she feels able to make an irresistable assault.

GRIEVANCES OF THE GREEKS—TURKISH MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 16.—The Greek Minister has communicated to the plenipotentiaries a memorandum to be submitted to the plenary council, stating the grievances of the Greek population of Turkey. The memorandum is couched in moderate terms, friendly to the Porte.

The Turkish armaments are being vigorously pressed forward. Troops are marching to the Danubian and Asian frontiers, and there is great activity at the arsenals.

THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ENDED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17.—At an unofficial meeting yesterday, the plenipotentiaries virtually terminated the labors of the preliminary conference. After making some mutual concessions, they have come to an understanding, and have referred to their respective governments for definite instructions. No definite resolution has been drawn up. All questions, especially that of occupation, have been examined, but nothing yet determined. It is thought Lord Salisbury will receive his instructions on Monday evening. If so, the Porte will be immediately asked to fix the date for the meeting of the plenary conference. The Porte rejects any proposition of foreign occupation.

TURKEY REFUSES TO CEDE TERRITORY TO MONTENEGRO AND SERVIA.

LONDON, December 18.—A telegram from Pesth says it is asserted positively that the Porte will absolutely refuse to cede any territory to Montenegro or Servia.

A Vienna dispatch announces that Achmet Eyeou Pasha has been appointed commander of the Army of the Danube.

CONFERENCE TO MEET ON THE 24TH—POINTS REJECTED IN ADVANCE BY TURKEY.

LONDON, December 18.—A Vienna special to the *Times* says M. Calice, the, Austrain Plenipotentiary, has been appointed to report to the conference on the reforms necessary for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Marquis of Salisbury will probably report on Bulgaria. It is expected in Constantinople that the formal conference will meet December 24th.

A Vienna dispatch to the *Daily News* states that the Grand Vizeir, Midhat Pasha, and Safoet Pasha have resolved to reject any propositions looking to the disarmament of Mahometans, and foreign occupation by an international commission, and several other measures which are supposed to form essential points of the programme which will be presented to the Porte.

SERVIANS ORDERED TO THEIR REGIMENTS.

LONDON, December 18.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says the Russian General Nikatine has started for Servia, to take command of the Russian troops there, and act as Russian Plenipotentiary. The soldiers belonging to the active army of Servia, who are estimated to number sixty-six thousand, have been ordered to rejoin their colors by the 22d of December.

The *Times* dispatch from Berlin states that General Nikatine goes to inspect the Servian army.

Russian journals say only 8,000 Russian volunteers remain in Servia. Nearly all the South Russian telegraphs are so damaged by frost as to be useless.

France.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION AGAIN CLOUDED

PARIS, December 17.—M. DeBreil, Legitimist, has been elected Senator from the department of Tarn-et-Garonne.

The political situation is somewhat clouded again, in consequence of the development of hostility on the part of the clerical and Gambetta Radicals to the new Cabinet. A conflict between the Senate and Chamber of Deputies also excites apprehension. The *Republique Francaise* declares that the Chamber will know if occasion requires how to remind M. Simon of his promises.

Spain.

MORE TROUBLE WITH THE BASQUE PROVINCES.

BILBAO, December 16.—In consequence of the refusal of the Basque provinces to pay the 18,500,000 reals demanded from them for the maintenance of the army of occupation, the treasury of the provincial deputation was seized by General Queseda's orders, when it was found empty. The resignation of the deputation and municipal council is probable. Troops have been dispatched, and great excitement prevails.

Egypt.

THE KHEDIVE DISSATISFIED WITH HIS AMERICAN OFFICERS.

LONDON, December 18.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Alexander telegraphs: It is stated on good authority that the Khedive is dissatisfied with his American military officers, and has notified them that their contracts will not be renewed. The policy of the step is questionable, as a renewal of the Abyssianian war is considered imminent.

India.

THE FAMINE IN MADRAS AND BOMBAY.

LONDON, December 18.—A Calcutta telegram to the *Times* says the accounts of famine received from Madras are worse than those from Bombay. Large numbers of starving people are flooding into Madras. The first death from starvation has occurred there. Much distress and disease exists in the country districts.

### FOREIGN NOTES.

The Paris *Republique Francaise* of Saturday declares that the Simon ministry is bound to satisfy the Republican demands on questions on which the Dufaure ministry was defeated.

The Italian Parliamentary committee on revision of the penal code have unanimously voted to report in favor of abolishing the death penalty.

Servia has signified her willingness to make the proper reparation for the recent insult to the Austrian flag in the forcible detention and searching of an Austrian steamer.

In the French Chamber of Deputies on Saturday, the tax on salt was removed, and all the estimates of revenue voted. The Chamber adjourned until Friday next.

The steamship Parthia, from New York, arrived out on Saturday.

The National Liberal party of Germany has adopted a compromise with the Government respecting the judicial bills, in regard to which a serious conflict existed between the German Parliament and Federal Council.

A Berlin correspondent says the principal feature of the compromise on the judicial bills is that the Liberals abandon all the amendments which they made in favor of the President. The compromise leaves to the various Federal governments the duty of deciding whether offenders against the press laws be tried by jury. The Judicial bills will now probably pass by fifty majority.

Cardinal Constantine Patrizi, Dean of the Sacred College, Rome, is dead.

A Madrid dispatch to the London *News* says Senor Gonzales, in the Cortes, has proposed the annulment of the Cuban loan because of its exhorbitant terms.

Captain Gordon, the African traveler, has embarked for Brindisi, on his way to England.

## SEVERE GALE.

### Great Damage to Buildings in Cleveland—Vessels Injured in New York Harbor—Its Effect in Canada.

CLEVELAND, December 16.—The damage done by the gale last night is greater than at first supposed. A large number of houses were unroofed, and in some cases the sides of buildings were blown in. St. Malachi's church steeple, one of the highest in the city, was blown entirely off. Part of the roof of the Weddell House was blown through. George Beck's brick building on Woodland avenue was blown partly down. A large number of chimneys were blown over, and shutters and signs demolished. There are no casualties reported. The loss is not known, but will probably reach $30,000.

NEW YORK, December 16.—During the gale here to-day, the ship J. P. Wheeler, just arrived from London, dragged her anchors and went ashore on Governor's Island. Another vessel lost a mast and a ferryboat broke her machinery and had to be taken to her dock by tugboats.

TORONTO, December 16.—The storm last night was severely felt throughout the province, and serious damage is reported to shipping and wharf property. Snow fell in the Western district to the depth of several feet, and drifted so badly that in many places the roads are entirely blocked.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

### The Revolutionists Badly Whipped in New Granada.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The Panama *Star and Herald* of December 8th, received per steamer Andes, says: A great battle has taken place in Garrapata. The trenches of the revolutienists were taken by our forces, commanded by Generals Acosta and Camargo. An armistice of three days was asked for by the rebels to bury two thousand dead of both sides. Our forces cut off the retreat to Antizria from the rebels. If the rebels do not surrender at discretion, they will all remain in the power of our army.

On the 21st of November General Trujillo occupied Manizeales. The Adalina river transit is free. In thirty days more all will be over.

The Peruvian Government has refused the request of that of Ecquador to send a ship of war and troops to assist in the capture of Guayazuil from the revolutionists.

## MEXICO.

### Capture of Lerdo and Death of Escobedo Confirmed—Diaz and Iglesias at War, the Former Proclaiming Himself Provisional President—Affairs at Matamoras.

NEW ORLEANS, December 17.—Several merchants from the interior of Mexico arrived here yesterday, and they confirm the news of the capture of Lerdo and the death of Escobedo and capture of the City of Mexico by General Diaz. Iglesias, from Leon, ordered Diaz to hold the City of Mexico and proclaim the Presidency of Iglesias, which Diaz declined to do unless he could name four members of the Cabinet. This was refused by Iglesias, when Diaz proclaimed himself Provisional President, and the revolution now continues between these rival pretenders, who are preparing for a new struggle.

Revueltas still holds Matamoras, and refuses all communication with the revolutionary chiefs until some one of them can show proper authority from Iglesias to demand the plaza, which none of them have, and he positively refuses any communication with the bandit Cortina. His soldiery conduct would make him many friends, but for the fact that he is proceeding to collect a tax of three per cent. off merchants, which, they protest, is unlawful and arbitrary. General Rocha is still here, endeavoring to get Revueltas to turn over to him. At present all is in uncertainty as to affairs in Mexico, as it is not known which may prove the stronger, Diaz or Iglesias.

## FIRE RECORD.

The St. Charles Hotel, Toledo, O., was burned on Saturday. Loss $10,000; insurance $6,000.

Fred. Hanger's residence, near Little Rock, Ark., was burned on Saturday night. Loss $2,000; insurance $1,000.

Fifteen buildings, mostly small frames, were burned in Cairo, Ill., on Saturday. Loss $12,000 to $20,000; insurance about $6,000.

George H. Friend & Co.'s large paper mill at Carrolton, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on Saturday, together with adjoining buildings. Loss between $80,000 and $90,000; insurance $25,000.

The extensive sawmill owned by George Newhall & Co., at Greenfield, Ind., caught fire from a defective flue on Saturday morning, and was entirely destroyed. Loss on building and stock $15,000.

A fire on Saturday night at LaPrairie village, near Montreal, destroyed the post-office, telegraph office, hotel and one store. A man named St. Marie lost his life by a falling wall. Loss about $20,000.

At Fargo, D. T., on Saturday evening, a fire destroyed eleven buildings, including the United States Land Office. The other buildings were seven stores, a restaurant and one billiard hall. Loss not stated.

The bleeching and keir house at Pontiac, R. I., belonging to B. B. and R. Knight & Co., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire was discovered soon after six o'clock in the attic of the bleachery, where there was never any occasion for fire. Its origin is a mystery. The large mill adjoining it was saved by force pumps. Loss $150,000 to $200,000; insurance on main building and machinery $50,000; on goods $50,000. The Wauregan mills and Ponemah mills lost about $15,000, and Jeremiah Knight $5,000 in goods; fully insured.

## PERSONAL.

A recently deceased Brooklyn peanut and fruit vendor has just turned out to have been an Italian count and heir to rich estates in Palermo.

Jimmy Blanchard, who once personated Charlie Ross, started from his home in Milford, N. H., with a brother on a tramp for California a few days ago. They were found in a station house in Nashua, N. H., the other night.

The father of Abraham Lincoln is buried in a rural cemetery, ten miles southeast of Mattoon, Illinois. The father's name was Thomas Lincoln, and it is proposed by interested parties to place a monument over his grave.

A boy of eight summers has been arrested at Terre Haute, Indiana, for burglarizing a store and then setting fire to it. His name is Garvey, and he promises to become, under the ripening influence of a reform school, an accomplished rascal.

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently presented himself at the entrance of the leading room of the British Museum, but he had forgotten his ticket and, though several directors offered to vouch for him, the Superintendent refused to ignore his instructions and let him pass.

There appears to be a prevalent belief in Brooklyn that Theodore Tilton and his wife will come together again, just as General Sickles and his wife were reunited after Philip Barton Key slept in his grave. Tilton has declared time and again that he loved his wife, and she has often asserted that he had an all-powerful influence over her.

## ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., December 17, 1876.

The following is the daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the twenty-four hours ending at 3 P. M.:

| STATIONS. | ABOVE L'W W'R Ft. | ABOVE L'W W'R In. | CHANGE —OR +— Ft. | CHANGE —OR +— In. | DIRECTION OF WIND. | STATE OF WEATHER. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cairo | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | S. W. | Sleet. |
| Cincinnati | 11 | 1 | +2 | 9 | S. E. | Cloudy. |
| Davenport | .. | .. | .. | .. | W. | Lt. snow. |
| Leavenw'th | 4 | 8 | .. | .. | N. | Cloudy. |
| Louisville | 4 | 3 | −0 | 5 | S. | Cloudy. |
| Memphis | 3 | 10 | −0 | 9 | S. W. | Cloudy. |
| Nashville | 1 | 11 | .. | .. | S. E. | Cloudy. |
| Pittsburgh | .. | .. | .. | .. | E. | Fair. |
| Shreveport | 4 | 6 | −0 | 2 | S. E. | Cloudy. |
| St. Louis | 11 | 1 | +4 | 8 | N. | Cloudy. |
| Vcksburg | 8 | 6 | −0 | 8 | S. W. | Cloudy. |

LOUISVILLE, December 17.—Weather warm and cloudy. River still falling. Should the present temperature continue there is no doubt the ice gorges will soon be broken up.

CAIRO, December 17.—Arrived—Idlewild, Evansville. Departed—Colorado, Vicksburg; Susie Silver, New Orleans. River 3 feet 2 inches and stationary. Heavy ice in both rivers. Weather mild with light rain.

CINCINNATI, December 17.—River swelling slightly, caused by back water from the gorge below. Considerable heavy ice passing all day. Wheather cloudy and moderating.

MEMPHIS, December 17—River fell 3 inches. Mercury 56. Arrived—U. P. Schenck, Houston and Ashland, New Orleans; Parker, Cincinnati.

VICKSBURG, December 17.—Weather cool and cloudy. No boats up or down to-day.

EVANSVILLE, December 17.—Weather cloudy and moderating; mercury 18 to 46. Light rain and sleet this evening and to-night. River 4 8-16 feet and falling. The ice is gorged at Three-Mile. No ice running here at dark. The only boat in port to-day was the Hotspur to tow Rankin & Co.'s wharfboat to Green river. No business.

EVANSVILLE, December 17. River fallen about 2 feet, as near as can be ascertained. Weather still very cold. The ice is gorge very solid, completely blocking the horbor and extending for miles both north and south. There is no change in the condition of the ice-locked fleet at the arsenal.

## DIED:

LEWIS—Friday, December 15, Mrs. SARAH LEWIS, in the seventy-third year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son, John A. Sergeant, No. 28 Watson street, on MONDAY, 18th inst., at 10 A. M.

STERLING—On Friday, December 15, at 4:35 A. M., at his late residence, 105 Webster avenue, JAMES STERLING, in the sixty seventh year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at 2 o'clock MONDAY AFTERNOON, from the Fifth Avenue M. E. Church.

MILLARD—On Friday morning, December 15, 1876, at Baltimore, Md., JOSEPH M. MILLARD.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his aunt, Miss Mary A. McClurg, Carson street, Twenty-fourth ward, South Side, on TUESDAY, December 19, at 2 o'clock P. M. Carriages will leave the office of H. Samson, No. 19 Seventh avenue, at 1:30 P. M.

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